

Indigenous Data Network (IDN) National Survey

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This project will seek to address the question of how existing datasets documenting the Indigenous Australian population may be linked together to create an integrated data model in both technical and administrative terms. The ultimate goal is to establish a technical and governance framework that can be used to build and sustain a new data collection composed of linked datasets to enhance cultural heritage preservation and improve community service for Indigenous Australians.

Start date

6 June 2019

Expected completion date

21 October 2019

Investment by ARDC

\$49,999

Co-investment partners

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Lead node



2. Deliver data linkage framework for IDN

The project aims to discover what transformations are necessary to develop and integrate current isolated data collections into (FAIR) reusable assets.

1. Survey Indigenous-controlled research and archive organisations

The IDN will undertake on-site visits to document data collection, storage and distribution practices including technical and security infrastructure, community access protocols and data governance systems.

3. Presentation of project

The results of the project are presented at the ARDC Data and Services Summit.

Core features



Indigenous organisational infrastructure

It is anticipated that survey participant organisations will formally join the IDN as members of an ongoing data governance and research working group following the survey.



Indigenous community of practice

The primary output of the proposed survey will be an agreed governance and data linkage framework for application in the formation of other inter-organisational Indigenous data management partnerships.

Who is this project for?

- Members of Indigenous Data Network
- Indigenous Australians
- Research or Linkage agencies collecting, storing or distributing data about Indigenous people



What does this project enable?

This project will begin to establish the governance and technical foundations for the development of a national alliance of Indigenous-led research organisations.



Handy resources

- [Final Report](#) [PDF 136KB]
- [FAIR Assessment](#) [PDF 122KB]
- [Presentation](#) [PDF 1MB]
- [Indigenous Data Network](#)



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