

## Indigenous Data Sovereignty for the ‘We know what’s going on’- Racism towards Aboriginal peoples in the SA education system’ research study

The research team respect and uphold Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Indigenous Data Governance in this project as outlined in the Maiam nayri Wingara Indigenous Data Sovereignty [Communique 2018](#).

The Aboriginal Governance Group has been involved in this project from the beginning and will continue to govern and direct this project at every stage throughout the research project.

In this project, **Indigenous Data** refers to information provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in interviews, focus groups and online. This includes demographic information and responses to study questions. *Your data* is information that you personally share.

**Indigenous Data Sovereignty** means that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants remain the owners of their data throughout the project; the research will be done in keeping with Indigenous Data Sovereignty principles, practiced through **Indigenous Data Governance**.

In this study, Indigenous Data Governance will follow the five principles of the Communique:

1. **Control of the data ecosystem including creation, development, stewardship, analysis, dissemination and infrastructure.**

Your data is your intellectual property (IP) and researchers cannot use it without your permission.

You will be given copies of your interview recording and transcript to edit and approve before they are used in research publications. You will also be able to check how we have used quotes attributed to you (e.g. in reports), before the research is shared publicly. We will give you a USB drive with the recording of your interview, a copy of your interview transcript, and an edited transcript if you ask us to edit it. As noted in the study information sheet, this is not possible for focus groups.

You can choose if and how you wish to be identified (i.e. with your real name, your mob, via a fake name, or not at all).

At the project’s end, if you consent, recordings will be deposited at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

The Aboriginal Governance Group will review all analysis and publications from the project before it is released publicly and will direct dissemination of findings.

2. **Data is contextual and disaggregated (available and accessible at individual, community and First Nations levels).**

You will be able to choose how you are identified within the data, including your mob. The Aboriginal Governance Group will also ensure that all project findings are made available and accessible as appropriate.

3. **Data is relevant and empowers sustainable self-determination and effective self-governance.**

This project has been driven by an Aboriginal Governance Group, ensuring that the research supports self-determination by focusing on priorities identified by community and using methods chosen by them. We hope this project will support greater recognition of the knowledge of Aboriginal educators, and support for Aboriginal-controlled initiatives addressing racism in the SA education system. The data collected will focus on Aboriginal educator knowledges and observations about racism in education contexts. You will *not* be asked to name specific people or institutions or recount specific experiences of racism.

4. **Data structures are accountable to Indigenous peoples and First Nations.**

The research team is governed by and accountable to the Aboriginal Governance Group across all stages.

5. **Data is protective and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’ individual and collective interests.** Privacy and anonymity of individual participants will be protected at all times.

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