

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee held its eleventh meeting on 25 September 2019.

OCHRE evaluation progress

The Committee notes that the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University has been awarded the contract to continue the evaluation of the Local Decision Making initiative following an open tender process.

The Committee is pleased that the approach outlined by Professor Tony Dreise, the Chief Investigator for the evaluation, builds on the learnings from the first three years including an emphasis on innovation; working with Aboriginal and Western knowledges with co-design, co-production, and co-learning; and communication.

The Committee noted that an approach to measurement of changes in the relationship between government officials and Aboriginal peoples and communities is being developed for use.

The Committee will continue to be a source of information and support for the evaluation and looks forward to a discussion of the evaluation Blueprint, that will guide the development of local evaluation plans, at its next meeting.

Administrative and Accord outcome data

While acknowledging progress the Committee is concerned that improvements in the completeness and quality of data about the activities of Local Decision Making are necessary for robust evaluation and to inform LDM implementation.

As Chair of the Committee I will seek a meeting with the Deputy Secretary of Aboriginal Affairs to discuss these issues and how the Committee can lend its support.

NSW Deputy Ombudsman's (Aboriginal Affairs) special report to Parliament on OCHRE

The Committee looks forward to discussing the findings of the NSW Deputy Ombudsman's (Aboriginal Affairs) special report on OCHRE with the Deputy Ombudsman at the next Committee meeting.

NSW Treasury representation on the Committee

The Committee acknowledges the positive contribution of Alex Tosh as the NSW Treasury representative and thanks Alex for his commitment to the work of the Committee.

The Committee looks forward to the NSW Treasury representative joining the Committee as soon as practical so that mutual understanding and support for the evaluation is maintained.



Dr Wendy Jarvie, Independent Chair