

Indigenous Data Governance in Australia: Towards a National Framework

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents key principles, terms, and definitions underpinning the newly formed Indigenous Data Network, based at the Melbourne School of Population & Global Health, University of Melbourne. The purpose of the IDN is the establishment of an integrated national Indigenous data governance framework, premised on the definition of Indigenous data as an as-yet unregulated asset class. This new initiative carries important implications for the holding, controlling, and processing of data generated by and/or about Indigenous Australians, particularly with regard to government policy development and service delivery. The paper gives special consideration to the implications of the FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship with regard to Indigenous data management priorities.

PRESENTATION FORMAT & DURATION

30 Minute paper accompanied by PowerPoint/Video presentation + 10 minute Q&A

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