

Aboriginal Lumos Towards Indigenous Data Governance

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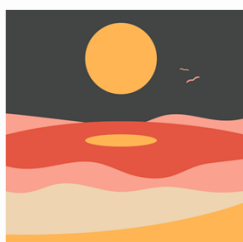
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What is Aboriginal Lumos



- Aboriginal Lumos Pilot Project is about Aboriginal data sovereignty and governance.



- It is about making sure Aboriginal people, ACCHOs and community leaders have greater access to, and ownership of, the data that relates to their communities



- It gives ACCHOs and Aboriginal partners stronger information to help determine priorities, understand service gaps, and shape responses that make sense for their communities.

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Aboriginal Lumos- Project Objectives



It brings primary care and acute care conversations closer together

What are we seeing? what are we missing? and what needs to change?

Trust at the centre.

That means listening properly, and making sure Aboriginal-led governance is not an add-on, but central to the way the project operates.



Data only becomes useful when people can access it, understand it, question it and use it to support the decisions they need to make for their own communities.

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The journey



Model needed to shift to better reflect Aboriginal community priorities around data collection, storage, access, governance and use.

It has required leadership from the Aboriginal Community Engagement Working Group, genuine co-design, and the guidance of people with deep Indigenous Data Sovereignty expertise.



Doing this properly takes time.

That has required patience, trust and a willingness to keep coming back to the purpose of the work.

Deep listening



For many of us, this has represented a genuine shift in how we do business.

Slow down, listen properly, invest in the process, and be open to changing the way we work rather than expecting Aboriginal partners to fit into existing systems.



Shared access to data and information at a regional level only means something if Aboriginal communities and organisations can actually access timely, useful information, shape how it is interpreted, and use it for local decision-making.

The co-design process with Kowa has been a really important part of that.

Why Aboriginal Lumos Matters



It helps shift data from being something collected about Aboriginal people, to something governed with Aboriginal people and used in ways that can support community benefit.

It's important for PHNs and the commissioning we do



For the Ministry of Health and broader system partners, changing the way decisions are made, who is at the table, and what authority Aboriginal governance has in practice.

It recognises Aboriginal leadership and the right of communities to have a say in how information about them is governed, interpreted and used.

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Trust, respect and shared purpose have guided us through the complexity.

Rather than one step among many, partnership has underpinned the entire process.



Sustaining this remains the next challenge.

Adequate resources and time for Aboriginal-led decision-making are required.

Where Aboriginal leadership, Indigenous Data Sovereignty and genuine partnership sit at the centre, the work, the relationships and the outcomes all improve.