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Shared Access to Data and information at a Regional Level

Governments commit to enable shared access to location specific data and information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations.

Disaggregated data and information is most useful to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities to obtain a comprehensive picture of what is happening in their communities and to make decisions about their futures.

DATA AND INFORMATION SHARING ELEMENTS

Data and information sharing practice elements between governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations contain the following features:

1. Partnerships in place to guide the improved collections, access, management and use of data to inform shared decision making
2. Governments provide communities and organisations with access to the same data and information they use to make decisions
3. Governments collect, handle and report data at sufficient levels of disaggregation, and in an accessible and timely way
4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations are supported by governments to build capability and expertise in collecting, using and interpreting data in a meaningful way

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT

Governments commit to implementing the data and information elements, including to:

- Share available, disaggregated regional data and information with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities
- Establish partnerships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and government agencies to improve collection, access, management and use of data
- Make their data more transparent by telling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people what data they have and how it can be accessed
- Build capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities to collect and use data.

PARTNERSHIP ACTIONS UNDER THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT

Governments will establish data projects in up to six locations across Australia.

The data projects will:

- support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to analyse and use regional specific data to help drive their own development and discussions with governments
- enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations to collect and access other data which they consider important
- be covered by localised agreements between governments and participating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in the region

“Collect, analyse, use our own data to meet our own needs. It’s our information and we should use it for our own purposes as decided by us.”

Engagement survey participant
from New South Wales