



Joint Statement from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council

The NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (NSW CAPO) is committed to Priority Reform 4: Shared Access to Data and Aboriginal Data Sovereignty and Governance under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and the NSW Implementation Plan on Closing the Gap.

As of 1 July 2026, the lead NSW CAPO partner for Priority Reform 4 successfully transitioned from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to the Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council of NSW (AH&MRC).

This transition reflects NSW CAPO's commitment to shared leadership and the continued strengthening of collective governance across its membership.

The AH&MRC brings a wealth of data, policy, and research expertise, and welcomes the opportunity to sustain momentum and deliver tangible, measurable outcomes in line with Priority Reform 4.

This work will be led by the same trusted team that has been part of the Priority Reform 4 journey for over three years. In partnership with NSW Government, the team remain committed to delivering on the Priority Reform 4 Stepping Stones, including:

- Establishing a Shared Data Access for Aboriginal Communities service, policy, and foundations to support service effectiveness;
- Establishing shared decision-making forums regarding NSW Government-held data about Aboriginal Peoples and Communities;
- Developing a program to build knowledge about data and Aboriginal Data Sovereignty and Governance principles and practical application across NSW agencies and Aboriginal Communities;
- Delivering a design process that ensures a Community-driven and expert-informed design of Aboriginal governance for Aboriginal Community data; and
- In partnership, building on the design for Aboriginal governance for Aboriginal Community data and developing reform proposals to implement a sustainable NSW model of Aboriginal Data Sovereignty and Governance.

We have reached an exciting chapter in this Priority Reform. In the coming months, there will be a number of opportunities for Aboriginal Communities to engage with and participate in the above initiatives.



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