



Priority Area 1: Indigenous governance and prosperity

The continued emergence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the governance of their traditional territories provides an opportunity for innovation in regional and local governance; while notions of Indigenous nationhood and relationships with the state continue to challenge our understanding of a reconciled Australia. Topics under this Priority Area could include:

- the economic, social and cultural benefits that could be derived from effective governance arrangements coupled with ideas around regional autonomy
- realising the potential of Indigenous held land and waters, including models of Indigenous-led development and multi-faceted conceptions of wealth
- examination of local priority setting and best practice co-design principles for Indigenous research and evaluation, government policy-making, and economic and social investment
- the potential contribution of treaties or agreements to social fabric and economic security

Priority Area 2: Cultural resurgence and resilience

Governments continue to struggle with how to measure cultural indicators of wellbeing and to understand the centrality of cultural strength to the enjoyment and fulfilment of life; yet this link is self-evident for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Topics under this Priority Area could include:

- examining the correlation between cultural strength and individual and community resilience and success, for example in the areas of education and employment, engagement with the criminal justice system, and social and political participation
- contemporary expressions of Indigenous identity and how Aboriginal and Torres
 Strait Islander lives might change over time
- capturing innovation and world leading best practice programs in cultural revitalisation
- Innovative use of existing data and archival material to shed light on contemporary issues and ideas











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