

Mr Romlie Mokak
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Indigenous Evaluation Strategy
Productivity Commission
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Dear Mr Mokak

Re: Indigenous Evaluation Strategy Draft

Audiology Australia (AudA) welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the Indigenous Evaluation Strategy Draft released by the Productivity Commission in June 2020.

AudA is the peak member association for the profession of audiology, representing over 3,000 audiologists across Australia. Audiologists, alongside other health professionals, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners, medical practitioners, nurses and speech pathologists, play a crucial role in hearing health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Key points in our submission to the Productivity Commission include:

- AudA's strong support for the:
 - Productivity Commission's proposal to establish an Office of Indigenous Policy Evaluation and Indigenous Evaluation Council, as well as the proposed Actions to support an evaluation culture.
 - development and use of appropriate Indigenous data governance arrangements to support Indigenous data sovereignty.
- That consideration be given to Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander hearing health as a priority (including those priorities listed within the Roadmap for Hearing Health) within the government's Indigenous Evaluation Strategy.
- A recommendation that Australian Government agencies assess all new policies and programs and undertake a stocktake of existing policies and programs in partnership with Aboriginal Peak Bodies to align with the principles of self-determination, and also include state and territory government funded projects to minimise funding of duplicative programs.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of our submission with you further. I can be contacted via Elissa Campbell, Advocacy and Policy Manager

Yours sincerely

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President