

Principles and protocols of the BetterEvaluation team

Ten foundational principles and protocols will guide BetterEvaluation core team and members of the project working team (present and future) in their engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The team will adhere to:

Principle 1 — Respect

We recognise and respect the custodianship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over their land and water and the right to protect, maintain, control and benefit from their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP).

ICIP examples include stories about sites or country, cultural, ceremonial, ecological or botanical knowledge, or language.

Protocol:

- ❑ BetterEvaluation acknowledges that all rights relating to any ICIP incorporated in material or otherwise held on the website remain with the Traditional Owners or custodians of that ICIP.
- ❑ BetterEvaluation will ensure the respectful treatment of ICIP at all times in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Indigenous peoples involved.

Principle 2 — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander control

We recognise and respect the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to self-determination and to be encouraged and empowered in decision-making processes.

Protocol:

- ❑ BetterEvaluation has a Steering Committee that includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and/or organisations and that makes strategic decisions in relation to the materials shared by BetterEvaluation, ICIP material, and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- ❑ BetterEvaluation relies on this Steering Committee as the appropriate authority body representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander evaluators and contributors.

