



ALIA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expert Advisory Group

Introduction

This document sets out the roles and responsibilities of the ALIA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expert Reference Group.

Purpose

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expert Reference Group (EAG) will advise the ALIA Board on:

- The optimal form for ongoing governance and representation.
- Options to advance the recommendations in the *National Survey on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in Australian Libraries*.
- The future of the ATSILIRN group and revision of the ATSILIRN protocols.
- Engagement with Indigenous LIS colleagues in the region and internationally.
- The various stages of the Professional Pathways initiative.
- Other priorities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that are identified.

Responsibilities of the EAG

The EAG will consult and engage as it sees most appropriate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in library and information services, including ALIA Members, students and retirees. The EAG may consult more widely with key stakeholders.

The EAG will, in the way it finds most appropriate, ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices from across Australia and across library and information services are heard.

Within 9 months:

- the Advisory Group will present to the Board the preferred format for First-Nations governance and representation.
- The EAG and the ALIA Board will work together in good faith to determine the final model and transition plan.

Before the conclusion of 12 months the Advisory Group will present to the Board:

- A plan, roadmap, strategy or other approach to advance the recommendations in the *National Survey on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in Australian Libraries* or other priorities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that are identified.
- Recommendations for the future of the ATSILIRN group (if not already enlivened) or alternate networking structures, and revision of the ATSILIRN protocols.



Responsibilities of ALIA

Any additional advisory work or business should be submitted for proposal to members of the EAG with enough time allocated for meaningful reflection and work.

Term

The EAG will be constituted for a period of 12 months.

Membership

Membership is restricted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Membership is by invitation of the ALIA Board.

One ALIA Board Director will be nominated as the liaison with the Board.

Commitment

The Advisory Group, or representatives of the group, will meet with the Board at least twice in the 12 month period.

Meetings of the EAG are to be determined by the EAG.

Resourcing

ALIA will provide an honorarium payment of \$1000 to each member, and up to \$10,000 to the EAG to support consultations and research. EAG Members will be offered free ALIA personal Membership for the period they are serving on the EAG.

The ERG will have a nominated ALIA staff member as contact, who will in addition provide secretarial services, logistical and limited research support.