



Principles for respecting Aboriginal Community data

The Aboriginal Languages Trust acknowledges that Aboriginal Communities have the right to be self-determining in relation to their Language Knowledge and data. These Principles for respecting Aboriginal Community data guide all Language research and data work undertaken by the Trust.

These Principles were designed following a review of other research ethics guidelines and to best demonstrate the [Maiaṃ nayri Wingara Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance Principles](#), the Australian authority on Indigenous Data Sovereignty.

1. The Trust recognises that strong and honest Community relationships are a prerequisite of all research projects. We will:

- Ensure adequate time is given to build mutual respect and trust before a project commences
- Ensure research team members demonstrate cultural competence
- Adhere to Community protocols and processes

2. The Trust will ensure Aboriginal Community control of the creation, development, stewardship, analysis and dissemination of their data. We will:

- Ensure each project is Aboriginal Community led
- Form agreements with Communities about ownership and use of their data

3. The Trust upholds the right of Aboriginal Communities to data that safeguards and respects Communities' individual and collective interests. We will:

- Ensure the benefits of the research are valuable to each Community
- Ensure data isn't reported in a way that is damaging to Communities
- Centre the voice of Community

4. The Trust seeks to ensure Aboriginal Community ownership of their data, and that data is available and accessible as determined by Community. We will:

- Recognise that Community knowledge, experience and Intellectual Property are economic assets that belong to Community
- Provide the data in ways that are meaningful and relevant to Aboriginal Communities

5. The Trust is accountable to Aboriginal Communities for the use of their data. We will:

- Ensure Aboriginal Community rights over the reporting and publication of data and results
- Ensure Communities have an ongoing and leading role in the monitoring and implementation of research data