Priority Reform 4

Shared access to data and information at a regional level

Priority Reform 4 commits governments to:

- Change the way governments work with data.
- Change the way governments work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in relation to data.

What are governments doing?

- Most governments' actions have been about sharing existing government data.
- Governments do not value what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people say about how data should be used, and have not changed how data is used in policy making to reflect this.
- Governments are not supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's data capability enough.

Overall, there has been little change relating to Priority Reform 4.

What do governments still need to do?

- Be transparent and open to sharing data with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Support government officials to change how they see their roles and responsibilities.
- Engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to build a better understanding of what Indigenous data sovereignty means and how data systems need to change.
- Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to develop data capability so they can effectively undertake data activities.

Community data projects:

- Have been delayed and are unlikely to be established by the end of 2023, as required by the Agreement.
- The locations for all six projects have been chosen.
- The specific goals and topics of most projects still haven't been decided
- Governments are looking to partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partners to decide what the goals of the community data projects are.

Have your say

The Agreement does not say that Indigenous data sovereignty is the goal of Priority Reform 4. But the commitments that have been made have some overlaps with it.

- **?** Should the Agreement change to say that Indigenous data sovereignty is the goal of Priority Reform 4? Why?

- **?** What difference would it make if the Agreement said that Indigenous data sovereignty was the goal of Priority Reform 4?

Read the draft report