



# Indigenous Champions Network Communique

Meeting Date: 20 March 2026

The Indigenous Champions Network (ICN) convened on 20 March 2026 to progress whole-of-government efforts to deliver against the Priority Reforms, with a focus on strengthening cultural safety and leadership accountability.

## **Strategic Discussion – Commonwealth Priority Reforms Roadmap and the Priority Reforms Strategy**

Members were briefed on the launch of the Commonwealth Priority Reforms Roadmap. Champions shared examples of progress across agencies, including new strategies and enhanced accountability models. The Indigenous SES Network outlined plans to deepen agency partnerships and increase visibility of its work.

Members received a presentation from the National Disability Insurance Agency on its Cultural Safety Audit and related Cultural Safety Plan and discussed the importance of strong baselines, clear definitions, and structured monitoring.

Members also received an update from the Chief Operating Officers Collaboration Circle on cultural safety work underway across the Australian Public Service.

## **Strategic Discussion – Leadership and Accountability**

Members undertook discussion to progress the first of 3 identified priorities for 2026: leadership and accountability. Members discussed practical applications of power-sharing with First Nations peoples; the importance of visibly strong leadership and commitment; and strengthening the Champion role. Members highlighted the variation in cultural maturity across agencies and the importance of driving change with that awareness.

**Next Meeting:** Mid-year 2026 (date to be confirmed)

