



# OCHRE Evaluation | Stage 1: Implementation and early outcomes

## Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly – Local Decision Making

### Evaluation Plan

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The research team from the Social Policy Research Centre acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land we work on and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future.

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# 1 Introduction

The Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW Australia (the research team) have been contracted by Aboriginal Affairs NSW, Department of Education, to conduct an evaluation of OCHRE including the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly – Local Decision Making (LDM). OCHRE is the community-focused plan for Aboriginal affairs in NSW.

The evaluation will be based on the principles of decolonising research, consistent with the underlying philosophy of OCHRE to facilitate the self-determination of Aboriginal peoples in NSW. For more information on the approach see Section 3.1 of the OCHRE Evaluation Plan: Overview and Stage 1.

This plan sets out how the first stage of the evaluation of the Murdi Paaki LDM will be conducted. This is an abridged version of the detailed data collection plan developed and approved by the community.

### 3 Ethics and permissions

On 9 August 2016, ethics approval was received from the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council Human Research Ethics Committee (AH&MRC HREC)

#### 4.2.1 Who will participate in the conversation?

The table below indicates the range of people we hope to have conversations with and how they may be approached. This excludes those communities who the research team met with in December 2016 – Wilcannia, Broken Hill, Ivanhoe, Dareton and Menindee. Distance will directly influence the number of people who participate. Priority is given to individuals who were likely to have greater knowledge of the LDM. We aim to have conversations with around 60 people in total

One-to-one or group yarns will be used to have conversations with the community.

An online survey will be available for anyone who would like to provide information anonymously, for those who are unable to talk to the researcher while they are in community, or for those who would like to provide additional feedback. The survey will be open until 31 January 2018, or longer as needed.

Conversation guides have been developed to help answer the evaluation questions and assess the measures identified in co-design. The cultural appropriateness of the questions in the guides will be checked with local Aboriginal peoples.

### 4.3.2 Identifying and recruiting participants

Potential participants were identified using a range of methods to reduce the risk that some stakeholder groups would not be represented. These included consulting Aboriginal Affairs NSW and the Murdi Paaki Regional.

Participants will be approached by Aboriginal Affairs NSW or the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly on behalf of SPRC and offered an opportunity to participate.

The participant information statement and consent forms will be provided to all interested persons to inform their decision to take part. Each participant will be provided a voucher as reimbursement for their time. Community members participating as part of their paid or official positions will not be reimbursed.

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