

Check-up: Roles of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander governing body

Ask yourself whether your governing body fulfils these roles.

Our governing body	Yes	No
Provides representation and leadership for the community and members.		
Sets and plans clear goals and directions for the future.		
Leads the process of making rules and policies.		
Selects and supports our CEO, delegates authority and functions to the CEO, and reviews the CEO's performance.		
Ensures careful and transparent use of resources.		
Establishes an internal governance culture and shared values for the organisation.		
Establishes guidelines for management to negotiate contracts with staff and external experts.		
Interacts with the public, government, private sector and other stakeholders.		
Makes sure the organisation complies with relevant laws and is accountable to external funding providers and stakeholders.		
Makes sure the organisation is financially stable, approves budgets and monitors expenditure.		
Makes sure the organisation is accountable to members and funding bodies for its governance.		
Ensures all members participate and are heard.		
Holds regular meetings.		
Manages external change and crises, and mediates internal disputes and appeals in a fair and transparent way.		
Mediates and negotiates issues and concerns within the wider community.		
Assesses its own performance regularly.		
Reviews complaints and appeals.		
Assesses management's performance regularly and puts in place their rules, policies and strategic goals.		
Provides leadership on relevant cultural matters and the organisation's internal culture.		
Networks with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and organisations.		