

Q&A Report: Public First Nations Data: is it Data Nullius?

#	Question	Answer
1	Is there potential for this tool to be developed for broader use? Or is it too prescriptive?	live answered
2	What would you recommend as the next steps for people working in the research space in water (and other industries) should take - to follow your principles? And develop a specific tool for our use? Can consult best practice principles in your tool?	live answered
3	Where and how can these principles be considered or incorporated into the usual ethical approvals systems and processes?	live answered
4	What support is there for each Nation to lead this involvement, and to give these approvals. Is this being adequately resourced as part of projects or in ongoing engagement?	live answered
5	We have a number of projects in Victoria that have required a Cultural Values Assessment as part of the impact assessment process. We have found that the findings of these assessments could not be shared outside of the communities (rightfully so). However, as it's not shared, it's hard to translate that information into appropriate, equitable, and considered design responses for a project. Do you have any advice on how we can ensure that the values of local communities are properly considered in the design process?	Engagement and dialogue is essential with a clear communication of shared benefit. This work must begin early and repeat often due to the unfortunate history of research and researchers vanishing from communities once their interest had been fulfilled.
6	Are these presentation slides and your analysis publicly available? The work you have done is wonderful and would be extremely helpful in improving Indigenous Data Sovereignty and the Governance of Indigenous Data in my workplace	The recording and presentation from today's session will be shared on our website and YouTube channel within the next 2 business days. You will be notified by email. Thank you.
7	Does data sovereignty apply to Truth Telling? Can stories be shared of about massacres/black resistance and early colonial history?	live answered
8	How can we confront the increasing use of AI by government and private organisation? This use further threatens our data, where it is scraped from a wide range of public/open access sources and private org use such as copilot and chatgpt and aggregated into cloud datasets where we have no control over the release or protection of this data, let alone the use of it. I see the present threat of data nullius by AI to be terrifying, especially as our knowledge and data is novel to western data/knowledge therefore most desired by large language/generative AI models.	live answered
9	Thank you for very useful explanation of First Nations data protocols. How would this apply in urgent operational decision making situations, such as managing floods and other fast onset events where it will often be very important to have access to indigenous knowledge? Thanks Tony	The framing of your question implies First Nations are not in the room at the operational level sharing decision making responsibilities. This is the issue to which data use and access is peripheral. First Nations must be empowered to share those spaces, then the emergent data management arrangements will be codesigned and co-employed.
10	Will AWS share the presentation pls	The recording and presentation from today's session will be shared on our website and YouTube channel within the next 2 business days. You will be notified by email. Thank you.
11	You may find this useful re AI: https://atmos.earth/indigenous-groups-are-safeguarding-culture-with-their-own-chatgpt/?ref=sentiers.media	Thank you we will follow this up.