

# ABORIGINAL KNOWLEDGE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTOCOL COMMUNITY GUIDE

This Protocol tells about the rules for researchers and shows how local Aboriginal people and researchers can work together.

All research that concerns Aboriginal people must respect Aboriginal culture and knowledge.

Everyone should be equal in the research and have shared understandings.

Aboriginal people own their knowledge.

This Protocol makes sure that researchers who work with Aboriginal people and Ninti One do the right thing.

## ETHICS

- Being respectful of everyone involved.
- People working together.
- Learning and sharing is both ways.
- Everyone involved wins.
- Talking is straight face-to-face.
- Talking and listening are equal.
- Understanding that every place is different and has its own way.
- The researcher continues to ask if they are working the right way throughout the research.

## FREE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT

- You need to know all about the research before you decide that you want to participate (this might take some time).
- The researcher has to talk and explain properly.
- The researcher might need a local helper.
- Honesty and talking straight are important both ways.
- You should not be bossed around.
- You should not be rushed. Just take your time to decide.
- Big changes to the research need to be talked about straight face-to-face with everyone involved.
- It is OK to say 'NO'.
- You can change your mind about being involved.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

- Not all stories can be shared.
- Some stories are public and some stories are private: 'This story is just between you and me'.
- Sometimes researchers need to understand that they cannot write down all the stories.
- You need to have a chance to hear or read what the researcher has recorded so that you can say if it is OK to write and publish it, or if some parts are private.
- You need to make it clear what can be talked about and what can be written down.

## BENEFIT SHARING

- Sharing and learning must be both ways.
- The research has to make a difference. It has to be important for Aboriginal people.
- The research has to help people.
- 'We help the researcher and the researcher helps us'.
- Aboriginal workers in the research should be paid.
- Speak up and tell the true story.

The full Aboriginal Knowledge and Intellectual Property Protocol, on which this Community Guide is based, is available for download from: [www.nintione.com.au](http://www.nintione.com.au) or from the Waltja website: [www.waltja.org.au](http://www.waltja.org.au)