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EDUCATION

Certificates II and IV Business Evaluation, Australian Quality Council (2002)
Graduate Diploma Social Science (Human Resource Management), Southern Cross University (1994)
Bachelor of Arts (Social Science), La Trobe University (1984)
Member, Australasian Evaluation Society
Member, Australian Market & Social Research Society



SUE LEAHY

SENIOR DIRECTOR



Sue is an accomplished evaluator and evidence building practitioner who brings strategic insights to complex social policy problems. She has worked extensively across child and family, social housing, disability, family violence, youth development, social inclusion and environmental policy areas. Sue has recently moved into a new role at ARTD to co-lead ARTD's Aboriginal Affairs portfolio, aided by her work with long-term Aboriginal associates. Sue has held senior roles in evaluation and strategic review in the NSW Government and in higher education.



I want my work to make a difference – so the people delivering and receiving services have a voice in their design and how their impact and value is determined.

I especially enjoy helping to build a more culturally capable service system that draws on and builds the strengths of Aboriginal people and communities to deliver better outcomes.

EVALUATIONS AND STRATEGIC REVIEWS

Sue designs monitoring and evaluation frameworks and leads evaluations and strategic reviews—from large to small scale—gathering and building evidence through mixed-methods approaches that are both strategic and pragmatic.

- » **Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy for the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy** (National Indigenous Australians Agency, 2019).
- » **Evaluation of Aboriginal Outcomes Strategy** (NSW Department of Communities and Justice, 2019, in progress).
- » **Five-year mixed-method, quasi-experiment evaluation of Resilient Families** (NSW Treasury, 2013–2020).
- » **Strategic review of the NSW Ombudsman's Office** (Office of the NSW Ombudsman, 2018).
- » **Strategic advice on the Maranuka Justice Reinvent program** (NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, 2018).
- » **Review of The Living Murray Indigenous Partnership Program** (Murray Darling Basin Authority, in progress).

EVIDENCE BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Sue uses a developmental approach in her evidence-building work with government and non-government partners, including many Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations.

- » **Aboriginal Evidence Building Partnerships** (Their Futures Matter, Abcare Coffs Harbour, Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, Tirkandi Inaburra Youth and Cultural Development Centre and Winangali Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, 2018–19).
- » **Evidence partnership and evaluation of Young Mob youth leadership program** (World Vision, 2017–in progress).
- » **Social Inclusion Evaluation and Monitoring Toolkit** (Northern Regions of Sydney Councils, 2017).

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND CODESIGN

Sue applies her effective interpersonal skills and collaborative approach to facilitation, co-design and stakeholder engagement.

- » **Co-design with the Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health Service to develop a new service model for families** (Victoria DET, 2017).
- » **National Disability Insurance Scheme NDIS Quality and Safeguards Framework national consultation process** (Commonwealth DSS, 2015).