

Digital Sovereignty Manifesto

TL;DR

WCC LP protects Indigenous knowledge by ensuring communities own their language content, control how it's used, and can access, update, or remove it at any time. WCC only holds the IP for their platforms and tools, never the language content itself.

Our Commitment

The Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation Language Program (WCC LP) recognises the inherent right of Aboriginal peoples to control, protect, and sustain cultural knowledge, language, and data. We uphold Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP), Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), and the principles of Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP).

Guiding Principles

- 1: Community Ownership** – All language and cultural knowledge remains the property of the originating speech community or copyright holder.
- 2: Consent and Control** – No use, sharing, or adaptation occurs without free, prior, and informed consent from the relevant community.
- 3: Access with Respect** – We create tools and resources that increase accessibility while embedding cultural protocols and safeguards, always on each group's terms.
- 4: Sustainability** – Digital platforms and physical resources are designed for long-term community use and benefit.
- 5: Transparency** – Processes, partnerships, and data agreements are open, accountable, and community-led.
- 6: Innovation with Integrity** – Technology is used to strengthen language and culture, never to exploit or commercialise them.
- 7: Shared Stewardship** – WCC maintains the intellectual property of platforms and codebases used to develop digital and physical resources. Language content always remains with the appropriate owner, as per Principle 1. Any information shared or uploaded with WCC is accessible to authorised community members or IP holders at any time, to be viewed, removed, or updated within a reasonable timeframe.