

Summary of Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2007

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Approved Project Title **Building Teachers' Assessment Capacity to Engage Indigenous Learners**

2007 : \$15,000

2008 : \$15,000

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Project Summary

This highly significant study will provide much needed understanding about how to build more equitable assessment practices to address the major problem of underperforming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in regional and remote Australia. The anticipated outcomes will advance knowledge to include more culturally fair assessment practices. National and state policies now require teachers to use standards-referenced reporting which this study will explore using related intervention strategies. Pedagogic and assessment approaches to improve young Indigenous Australians' educational performance will help them succeed in schooling and in acquiring skills for a more secure economic, social and cultural future.