

Language Data Commons of Australia

Steering Committee Meeting Communique

27 January 2026

The LDaCA Steering Committee met in person in Brisbane on 27 January 2026. The meeting focused on organisational changes among partner institutions, ARDC's technical review of the LDaCA platform and Australia's NCRIS roadmap process.

Summary of Matters for Decision

There were no matters for decision at this meeting.

Summary of Matters for Discussion

Members received updates on several significant developments. Kathryn Gilbey is transitioning out of her Chief Investigator role, with Professor Curtis Roman assuming the CI role for the partner organisation Batchelor Institute. The committee was advised that partner organisation AARNet exited the LDaCA project at the end of 2025.

The committee received an update from partner First Languages Australia about their Collection Strategy, due for delivery in June 2026. Also discussed was ARDC's Technical Review of the LDaCA portal. Members further considered LDaCA's response to the NCRIS Issues Paper and roadmap process.

Summary of Matters for Noting

The committee noted that partner financial reporting was due 30 January 2026. Mid-project Co-Design planning is underway with ARDC, with discussions from the Brisbane in-person meetings informing the rest-of-project approach and targeting completion by June 2026. All partners are encouraged to contribute to LDaCA's KPI reporting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Zoom in May 2026.

Attendees 27 January 2026, Brisbane

Name	Org	PSC Role
Michael Haugh	UQ	Chair & CI
Monika Bednarek	USyd	Member & CI
Kathryn Gilbey	Batchelor	Member & CI
Robert McLellan	UQ	Member
Martin Schweinberger	UQ	Member & CI
Nick Thieberger	UoM	Member & CI
Catherine Travis	ANU	Member & CI
Jamie Archer	ARDC	Proxy for CI Jenny Fewster
Robert Fleet	QUT-DO	Proxy for CI Marissa Takahashi
Alex Hohoi	FLA	Proxy for CI Beau Williams
Chenoa Pettrup	UQ	Proxy for CI Rose Barrowcliffe
Ailsa Purdon	Batchelor	Proxy for CI Curtis Roman
Des Crump	UQ	Advisor
Sam Hames	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Simon Musgrave	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Sue Plunkett Cole	UQ	Secretariat (Ex officio)
Moises Sacal Bonequi	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
PT Sefton	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Nichola Burton	ARDC	Invited guest
Lisa Erlandson	Batchelor	Invited guest
Henry Leslie-O'Neill	AIATSIS	Proxy for Advisor Lauren Reed
James Li	QUT-DO	Invited guest