Language Data Commons of Australia

Steering Committee Meeting Communique

22 August 2025

The LDaCA Steering Committee met via Zoom on 22 August 2025. The meeting focused on the draft collection strategy, updates to LDaCA's branding and systems architecture, and progress in analytics development.

Summary of Matters for Decision
No decisions were required at this meeting.

Summary of Matters for Discussion
The committee considered the draft Collection Strategy, which will guide decisions about which language data collections are selected, prepared, and made available through LDaCA Data Portals.

The meeting also covered recent branding updates, including refinements to the LDaCA logo. PT Sefton presented on LDaCA's evolving systems architecture, emphasising data security, repository storage, and future adaptations. Finally, Simon Musgrave updated members on the LDaCA Analytics Forum, which is refining and raising awareness of LDaCA's analytic offerings.

Summary of Matters for Noting
The committee noted that Chief Investigator progress reporting is due on 3 November 2025, with instructions to be circulated in early October. Partner financial reporting for FY24–25 was consolidated and submitted to ARDC by 30 August 2025. Members also noted the upcoming ARDC Symposium in Sydney on 11–12 November 2025, and confirmed that the RAPID project has been approved for contracting with UQ as Lead Organisation. In-person Steering Committee planning days are being considered for the week of 27–30 January 2026.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on 17 November 2025.

Attendees 22 August 2025

Name	Org	PSC Role
Michael Haugh	UQ	Chair & CI
Monika Bednarek	USyd	Member & CI
Jenny Fewster	ARDC	Member & CI
Robert McLellan	UQ	Member
Martin Schweinberger	UQ	Member & CI
Marissa Takahashi	QUT	Member &CI
Nick Thieberger	UoM	Member & CI
Catherine Travis	ANU	Member & CI
Beau Williams	FLA	Member & CI
Des Crump	UQ	Advisor
Amanda Harris	USyd	Advisor
Lauren Reed	AIATSIS	Advisor
Jane Simpson	ANU	Advisor
Robin Burgess	ARDC	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Ben Foley	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Sam Hames	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Simon Musgrave	UQ	Standing guest (Ex officio)
Chenoa Pettrup	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)