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NESA/OECD INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT FORUM A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Ninety delegates from around the world joined the NESA team in Sydney at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence for the 2019 NESA/OECD Indigenous Employment Forum. Delegates heard passionate and insightful representations from around Australia, as well as from Canadian Government representatives, members of the OECD and social enterprise leaders from New Zealand.

The forum also saw the release of the OECD report [*Indigenous Employment and Skills Strategies in Australia*](#). This report is the latest in the series of country-specific *OECD Reviews on Local Job Creation*. Speaking on the report, Forum delegate and OECD report author Jonathan Barr noted:

“Innovative ways of working with Indigenous Australians are needed to improve their employment prospects, especially as many work in jobs that are likely to be impacted by digitalization and automation...”

Every state was represented, with delegates travelling from remote locations to participate in the Forum.

“I’m delighted to be joined by so many of our Members across the two days to hear about their work and what they are doing to achieve positive outcomes for Indigenous people,” said NESA CEO Sally Sinclair. “I am also grateful to the OECD for their support of this event. NESA have worked with the OECD Local Development Forum for many years. The collaboration is one that greatly benefits our sector.”

The collaboration and positive exchange we have seen over the last 2 days is a testament to the commitment of our services in improving the lives of First Nations people. While challenges remain, with the kind of forward and collegial thinking we have seen here, there is reason to be optimistic.”

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