



Ai Interdisciplinary Professional Development

How-To Guides

Getting started with AiiPD products, the DRMC and your civic intelligence reports

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Guide 1: How to choose the right AiiPD product

AiiPD products fall into clear tiers. Use this guide to find the right starting point for your need and budget.

If you are a council or government body

1. For a full comparative picture, start with a Council Benchmark Report (scoped, \$15,000 to \$25,000).
2. For economic development options, choose the Innovation Opportunity Register (from \$8,000).
3. To understand a budget's local impact, request a Budget and Policy Shock Report (scoped).
4. For a low-cost entry point, buy the Grant Readiness Evidence Pack (\$1,200) or Resident Survey Pack (\$650) directly from the shop.

If you are a council candidate

5. Start with the Candidate Local Area Report (\$450) for verified local evidence.
6. Add the Resident Listening Toolkit (\$250) to gather genuine community input.
7. For comprehensive support, commission a full Candidate Intelligence Brief (from \$2,000).

If you are an RTO, aged care, NDIS or childcare provider

8. Browse the relevant sector filter in the shop (RTO and CourseForge, or Aged Care and NDIS).
9. Start with a template or toolkit for an immediate, low-cost win.
10. Move to a Compliance Readiness Pack or governance pack when preparing for audit.

Not sure where to start?

Use the Sign Up section to register your interest and tell us what you are trying to achieve. We will recommend the right product personally. There is no obligation.

Guide 2: How to buy a digital product

Downloadable templates, toolkits and guides can be purchased instantly through the shop.

11. Go to the Shop section of the website.
12. Use the sector filter buttons to narrow the list to your area, or browse all products.
13. Find the product you want. Products with a clear price and a Buy now button are instant digital purchases.
14. Click Buy now. You will be taken to a secure Stripe checkout page.
15. Enter your payment details. AiiPD never sees or stores your full card details; Stripe handles this securely.
16. On successful payment, your download is delivered electronically, usually immediately.

Consulting products are different

Products marked Request Scope (such as the Council Benchmark Report) are bespoke and scoped to your organisation. These are not instant purchases. Clicking the button takes you to an enquiry form, and we respond personally with a proposal.

Guide 3: How to read a DRMC report

AiiPD reports are built to be explainable. Every report follows the same logic, so once you can read one, you can read them all.

The four things every report distinguishes

- Verified evidence: claims traceable to a named public source, with a verification status.
- Useful indicators: signals that are informative but not definitive.
- Unresolved gaps: things the evidence cannot yet answer, made visible rather than hidden.

- Recommended next steps: practical actions, not vague aspirations.

Understanding DRMC layers and RSC zones

Reports analyse your situation across DRMC domains (such as governance, economic, place, social and wellbeing) and may use Relational Spectral Coding (RSC) zones to describe relational conditions.

The RSC zones are Disconnection, Compression, Friction, Reflection, Attunement and Transformation. These describe the quality and intensity of relational dynamics. They are an interpretive coding aid. They are not a ranking, a score of worth, or a moral ladder, and a higher zone is not automatically better in every context.

The caveat matters

Every DRMC and RSC output is an interpretive assessment, not a validated measurement. Read reports as structured, evidence-grounded interpretation that supports your judgement. They do not replace it, and they do not make final civic, ethical or regulatory decisions for you.

Guide 4: How to commission a bespoke report

For benchmark reports, intelligence briefs and assessments scoped to your organisation, follow this process.

17. Use the Sign Up or Contact section to make an enquiry. Tell us your organisation, the decision or question you are facing, and any deadline.
18. We respond with a short scoping conversation to understand exactly what you need. Not every question needs a full benchmark; some need a workshop or a straight advisory opinion, and we will tell you.
19. You receive a written proposal with deliverables, timeline, fee and any deposit or milestone payments.
20. On agreement, work begins. We gather and verify evidence, apply DRMC analysis, and a named reviewer signs off before release.
21. You receive the deliverable, plus the option of a briefing to walk your team or council through it.

Guide 5: How to use AiiPD templates well

Templates and toolkits are designed to be adapted to your context. To get the most from them:

- Read the whole template first, including any guidance notes, before you start filling it in.
- Adapt the language to your organisation, but keep the structure: the structure is where the methodology lives.
- Keep the DRMC attribution and caveat where the template includes them, especially in anything you publish or submit.
- Use the evidence-register approach: record the source of every claim, so your final document is defensible.
- If a template raises a question you cannot answer from your own data, that gap is useful information. Note it rather than guessing.

Guide 6: How the First Nations free licence works

Eligible First Nations organisations can access a free licence to use the AiiPD database and report structures for their own work.

22. Read the First Nations Country and Community Context section of the website to understand the scope and the principles.
23. Make an enquiry through the free licence link, telling us about your organisation and what you want to do.
24. We discuss what is included, and what operational costs (setup, local engagement, cultural review, hosting) need funding, and how those might be met through councils, grants or Indigenous-led product development.
25. You use the structure for your own products. First Nations authority over First Nations content, cultural interpretation and community validation remains entirely with you.

No unpaid cultural labour

AiiPD does not expect Elders, researchers or cultural advisers to provide unpaid cultural labour. Where cultural review, Yarning Circles or community validation are requested, those contributions should be properly funded.

Guide 7: Getting help

If you need assistance at any point:

- For product questions, pricing or recommendations: email liamclancy@aipd.com.
- For a problem with a digital download: email us and we will repair, replace or refund as appropriate.
- For partnership, licensing or investment: use the Sign Up section and choose the relevant pathway.
- For deeper reading on the framework and our thinking: visit the OzWizard Substack at www.ozwizard.substack.com.

RSC and DRMC outputs are interpretive assessments, not validated measurements. Clancy, L. (2026i). AiiPD, Adelaide.