

Contributors

Jon Altman is an economist/anthropologist who first engaged with the Community Development Employment Projects scheme in 1977 when it was established. Since then he has maintained an abiding interest in this highly innovative scheme in his research and policy advocacy for appropriate and sustainable forms of Indigenous economic development from the local to the national. Jon was an academic researcher at The Australian National University (ANU) from 1982 to 2014 and foundation director of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research 1990 to 2010. He is currently a research professor at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University; ANU Emeritus Professor at RegNet: School of Regulation and Global Governance; and Adjunct Professorial Fellow at the Research Institute for Environment and Livelihoods at Charles Darwin University.

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Kirily Jordan is a political economist with a particular interest in all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and economic development. Her research includes analysis of various public and private sector programs designed to improve Indigenous employment outcomes, as well as the interaction of these programs with the social security system and new forms of welfare conditionality. Kirily began investigating the Community Development Employment Projects scheme in 2009 and is currently undertaking research on its replacement—the Community Development Program—as well as other federally funded schemes including the Vocational Training and Employment Centres and Employment Parity Initiative. She is working alongside Lisa Fowkes and Will Sanders as a lead investigator on the Australian Research Council project 'Implementing the remote jobs and communities program: How is policy working in Indigenous communities?'

Will Sanders began studying the Community Development Employment Projects scheme as part of a PhD, undertaken from 1982 to 1985, on the inclusion of Aboriginal Australians in the social security system. Will was an associate of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) from its establishment in 1990 and became a staff member in 1993. During his years of employment at CAEPR, Will has continued to write about the social security system (CAEPR Monograph No. 15, Discussion Paper 212) and about Community Development Employment Projects (Discussion Papers 5, 54, 141, 149, 224, CAEPR Monograph No. 20). Will is now a Chief Investigator on an Australian Research Council Linkage Project with Jobs Australia studying the new remote-area employment and income support program from 2013.

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