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Welcome to the ATSILIRN Protocols for Libraries, Archives and Information Services

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protocols for Libraries, Archives and Information Services (hereafter the Protocols) was published in 1995 by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). The Protocols were endorsed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library, Information and Resource Network (ATSILIRN).

After a decade in circulation, it was recognised that there was little in the research literature that identified the extent of the use of the Protocols, or their value and effectiveness in workplaces across the Library and Information Services sector.

Following desktop research and extensive consultation with library professionals, the Protocols were updated in 2005 and presented as a website. This website is now archived on [Pandora](#).

The most recent update of the Protocols commenced at the 2010 ATSILIRN Conference: *Talkin Across Country, Talkin Across*

The protocols are...

The protocols are not...

1. Governance and management

2. Content and perspectives

3. Intellectual property

4. Accessibility and use

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6. Secret and sacred materials

7. Offensive

8. Staffing

9. Developing professional practice

10. Awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and issues

11. Copying and repatriation of records

12. The digital environment

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