



David Poulton joined the CHSSC's Advisory Committee as an external member in April 2025.

David is an experienced international development practitioner currently serving as a Senior Consultant within Alinea International's Climate and Environment Portfolio. His expertise encompasses the design, monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) of aid programmes throughout the Indo-Pacific, with a thematic focus on nature-based solutions, climate-resilient agriculture, renewable energy infrastructure, and locally-led climate adaptation programming.

David co-founded and currently holds the position of President of the Association of First Nations Australians in Development (AFNAD). In this role, he provides a culturally safe platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals working in the development sector. He collaborates closely with Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to develop First Nations engagement strategies, including establishing new pathways for collaboration with First Nations development practitioners and creating practical guidance for programme areas seeking to incorporate First Nations experiences and interests into development initiatives.

The intersection of David's work in climate change and Indigenous engagement led to his recognition as a Lowy Institute "Emerging Leader" in 2023.