Within the Indigenous higher education sector in Australia there exists a sense of urgency to maximise participation at all levels also shared by both the federal government policy drivers linked to Indigenous student support program (ISSP) funding (Scullion, 2017) and Universities Australia’s (UA) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education strategy 2017–2020 (Universities Australia, 2017). Yet whilst a commendable ‘call to arms’ to bring about systemic change, we as a sector are still to develop a sophisticated organisational consciousness where Indigenous business is regarded as core business, moving beyond the reactive organisational fridges. Participants on this panel will explore ways to move beyond the current state of Indigenous higher education to one that looks to the future by privileging Indigenous standpoints and expertise in creating long term societal change through higher education.