Change to the Introduction of all Records Retention and Disposal Schedules

I have recently authorised a change to the guidance contained in the introduction to Records Retention and Disposal Schedules relating to records affecting indigenous individuals and communities to provide more specific and useful instruction to officers sentencing records. This now reads as follows:

Key recommendations of the Bringing Them Home Report 1997 relate to the need for the identification, preservation, indexing, management and access to records relating to Indigenous individuals, families and/or communities in accordance with established privacy principles.

Records relating to indigenous families and communities or which document links between indigenous people and localities are not to be destroyed and should be the subject of consultation with the Archives Office.

I do not intend to re-issue all authorised schedules but this is now the formal statement on the issue and governs the application of all schedules. Please bring this to the attention of all officers in your agency who are responsible for the implementation of schedules and the sentencing and disposal of records.

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