Indigenous Data & Economic Partnership Commitment

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1. Purpose

Clarity AI Lab recognizes that our work takes place within lands stewarded by Indigenous Peoples across what is now known as Canada. We acknowledge the enduring governance, rights, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

This acknowledgment reflects our commitment to respectful engagement grounded in transparency, consent, and non-extractive practice.

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2. Recognition of Indigenous Governance

Clarity AI Lab acknowledges that:

- Indigenous Nations hold inherent rights and governance authority
- Indigenous communities may define their own data governance principles
- Data relating to Indigenous economic, cultural, or research activities may carry collective dimensions beyond individual privacy frameworks
- Engagement must be grounded in respect, transparency, and consent-based collaboration

We do not assume that standard commercial data practices are sufficient in Indigenous contexts.

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3. Data Stewardship Commitments

Where Clarity AI Lab works with Indigenous Nations, communities, organizations, or individuals, we commit to:

- Processing data solely for agreed contractual purposes
- Not repurposing Indigenous business or community data for AI model training
- Not selling, licensing, or redistributing such data
- Supporting Canadian data residency where requested

- Restricting cross-border access unless explicitly authorized
- Applying role-based access controls and encryption safeguards

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4. Non-Extractive AI Design

Clarity AI Lab designs AI systems as assistive tools that:

- Preserve human decision authority
- Do not automate exclusion, eligibility, or enforcement decisions
- Do not profile users or communities
- Do not generate hidden risk scores affecting economic participation

We reject extractive AI deployment models.

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5. Co-Design & Dialogue

Where feasible and appropriate to project scope, Clarity AI Lab supports:

- Consultation dialogue prior to deployment
- Clear explanation of AI system functionality and limitations
- Shared discussion regarding data handling practices
- Ongoing communication regarding system changes

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6. Indigenous Economic Empowerment

Our systems are designed to:

- Reduce administrative burden
- Enhance local capacity
- Support independent economic participation
- Strengthen decision-making within communities

AI tools should augment, not displace, community authority.

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7. Respect for Distinct Governance Frameworks

Clarity AI Lab recognizes that First Nations, Inuit, and Métis governments and communities may operate under distinct legal, cultural, and data governance frameworks.

Where applicable and formally agreed, Clarity AI Lab will respect and operate in alignment with governance requirements defined by the relevant Nation, regional authority, community, or representative organization.

We do not assume a single or uniform Indigenous data governance model.

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8. Continuous Learning

Clarity AI Lab commits to ongoing learning regarding Indigenous data governance practices and evolving Canadian standards.

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