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Smoking & Prevention

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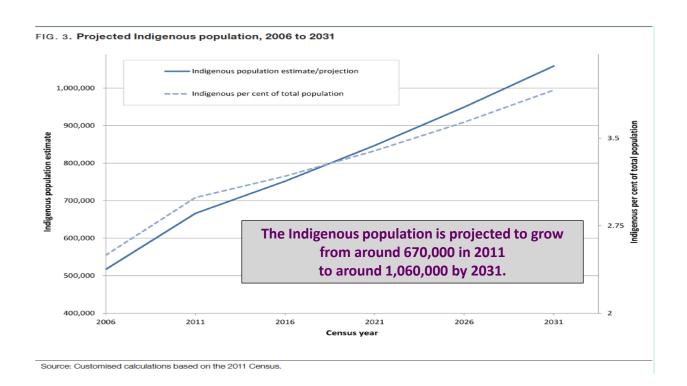


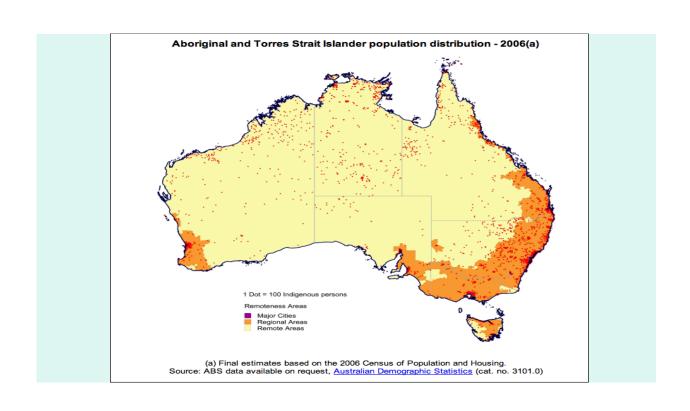


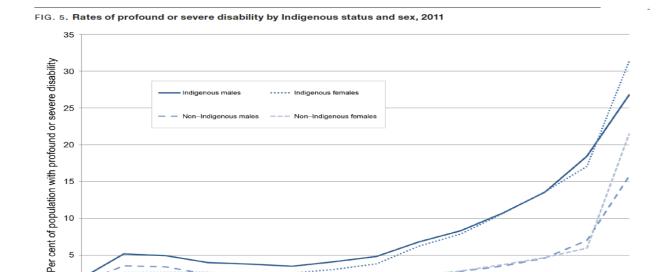
My Grandmother (3rd from left). Me on my Aunty's lap. The early death of my peoples has been my incentive to make a difference. Only 3 in photograph are alive today with most passing in their 60s or earlier.

What I will cover

- Brief overview of Indigenous Australia
- Brief overview of the health status of Indigenous Australians
- Tackling Indigenous Smoking initiative
- Snapshot of Cancers and Indigenous Australians







30-34

Age

35-39

40-44

45-49

50-54

55-59

60-64

65+

Source: Customised calculations based on the 2011 Census.

10-14

15-19

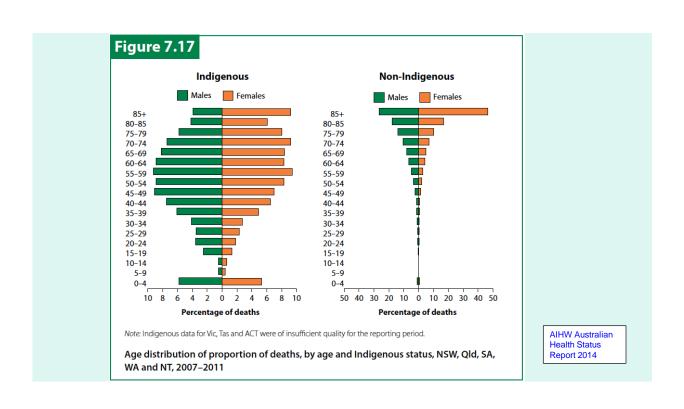
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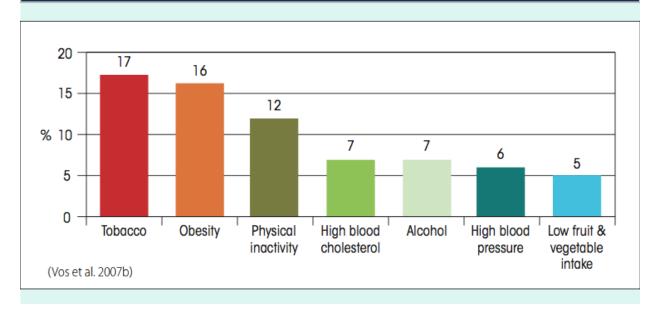
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Chronic disease risk factors - 2010

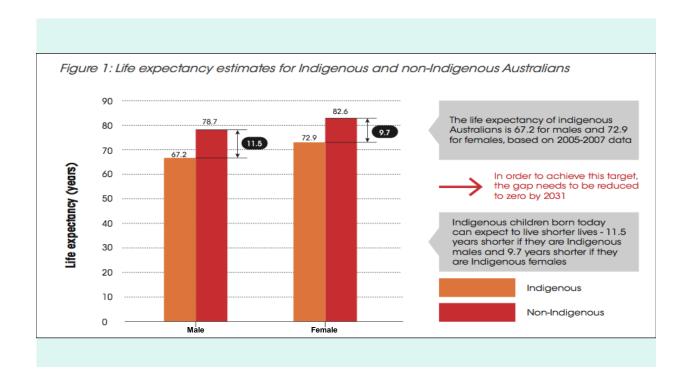


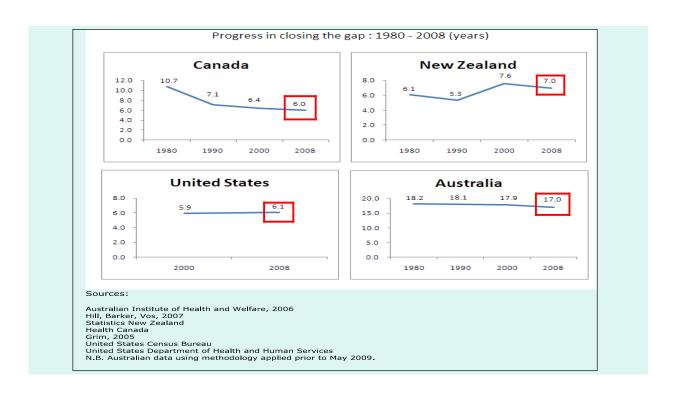
Contributors to mortality gap

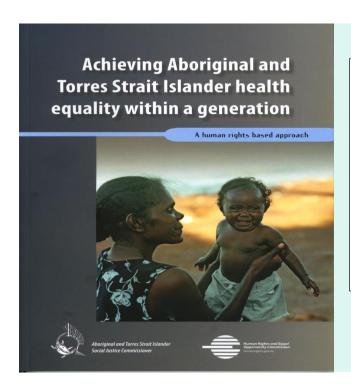
According to AHMAC*, over 2008 – 2012 the greatest **contributors to the avoidable** and **preventable mortality gap** were:

- 19 percent ischaemic heart disease (22 percent of the gap);
- 18 per cent cancer (14 percent of the gap); and
- 10 percent diabetes (17 percent of the gap).
- As a result, AHMAC report that the greatest opportunities to reduce avoidable mortality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples relate to:
- primary prevention (53 percent of avoidable deaths);
- secondary interventions (24 percent); and
- tertiary interventions (23 percent).

*AHMAC p 74







The campaign for health equality

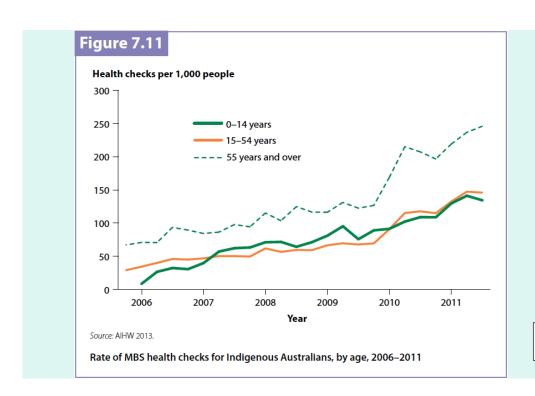
OVERALL TARGET:

HEALTH STATUS EQUALITY WITHIN 25 YEARS

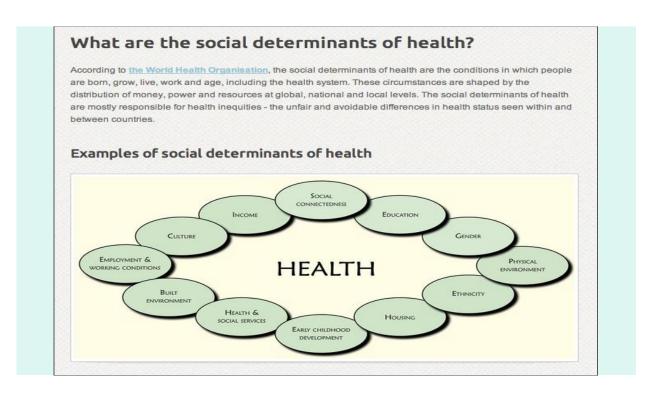
Targets and benchmarks as appropriate – access and infrastructure

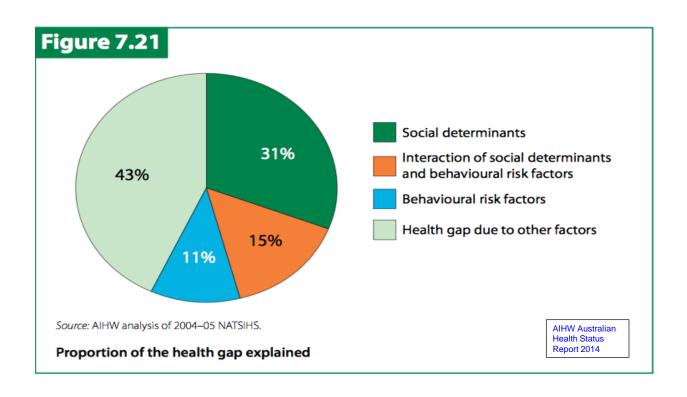
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DETERMINANTS:

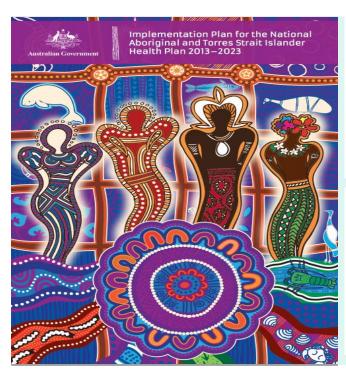
http://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/aboriginaland-torres-strait-islander-socialjustice/projects/close-gap-indigenous-health



AIHW Australian Health Status Report 2014





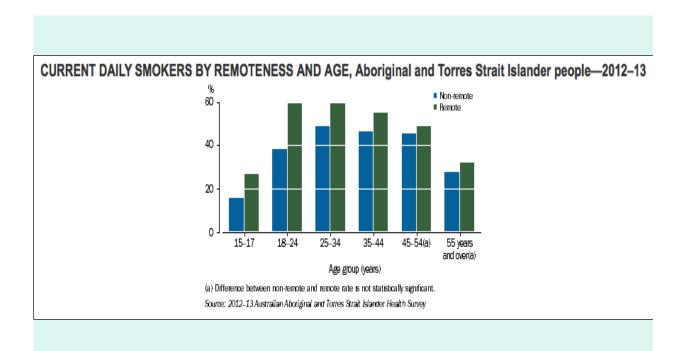


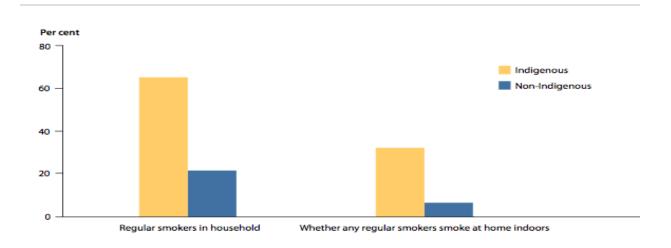
On behalf of the Australian Government I am pleased to present the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013–2023. I would like to thank the National Health Leadership Forum, which has partnered with the Australian Government and provided invaluable expertise in developing this Implementation Plan. I would also like to acknowledge the critical role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders play in improving the health outcomes of their people. It will be essential that this partnership approach is sustained as we roll out the Implementation Plan.

The Australian Government is committed to achieving the Closing the Gap targets and delivering the outcomes in this Implementation Plan. Achieving our goals will require continued focus and targeted effort. I believe that this Implementation Plan and its strategies will ensure our shared vision is realised.

Senator the Hon Fiona Nash Minister for Rural Health

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Smoking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ■ Non-Indigenous 60.0 50.0 48.9 48.5 40.0 30.0 22.5 20.0 20.1 20.8 19.0 18.8 10.0 0.0 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 15-17 55 years and over Source: ABS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2012-13 *Data for non-Indigenous people are for 2011-12, from the Australian Health Survey 2011-13.





Notes

- 1. Children aged 0-14 years.
- Indigenous figures exclude 5,658 children where smokers in household not stated.
 Source: ABS and AIHW analysis of 2008 NATSISS and 2007–08 National Health Survey.

Figure 6.7: Children living in households with current smokers, by Indigenous status, 2008

What is Tackling Indigenous Smoking initiative?

- National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking
- National Best Practice Unit
- Grants 37 orgs funded (GRs) national coverage
- Evaluation Framework
- Quit skills training
- Quitline enhancement
- Targeted projects pregnant mothers, youth and remote



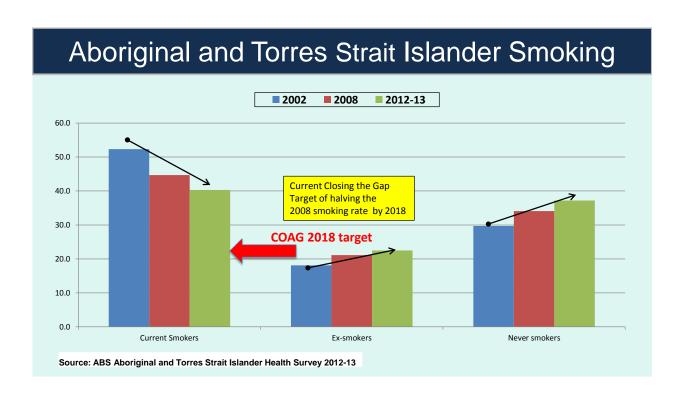




Local social marketing campaigns



National mainstream media campaigns



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Smoking

	2002	2008	2012-13	Overall outcome 2002 - 2013
Current Smokers	52.3	44.7	40.3	12%
Ex-smokers	18.1	21.1	22.5	4.4%
Never smokers	29.7	34.1	37.2	7.5%

Source: ABS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey 2012-13

Lifestyle factors

Smoking and passive smoking

Smoking is a major cause of cancer in humans, and is responsible for one in five of all deaths in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia (Vos et al. 2007). Indigenous Australians generally take up smoking at an earlier age, continue to smoke for longer and make fewer quitting attempts than non-Indigenous Australians (CCA 2007).



In 2010, Indigenous Australians were 2.2 times as likely as non-Indigenous Australians to smoke tobacco (38% compared with 18% after age-standardisation). Further, among current smokers, on average Indigenous Australians smoked 46 cigarettes more per week (147) than non-Indigenous Australians (101) (AIHW 2011a).

Evidence indicates that active and for some cases, passive smoking, can cause cancers of the following sites:

- bladder
- cervix
- kidney
- larynx
- liver
- lung
- myeloid leukaemia

- · nasal cavity and nasal sinuses
- oral cavity (lip, mouth, tongue)
- · oesophagus
- pancreas
- pharynx
- stomach.

AIHW: Cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia An overview October 2013

