

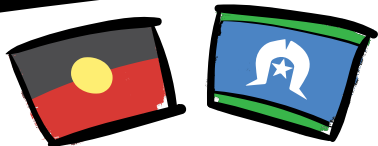
A new way of working

Talking about what's needed to close the gap in life outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians

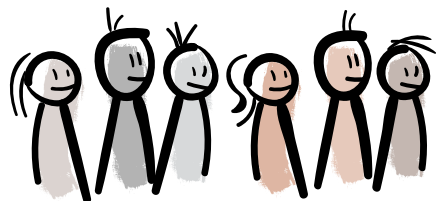
An illustrated story



COALITION OF PEAKS



together with
government officials
are here today
to talk about...



CLOSING THE GAP

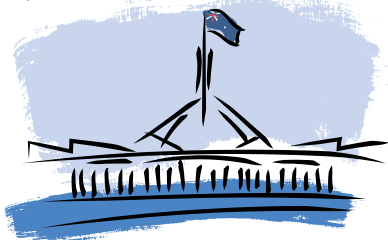
WE WANT
TO GET



YOUR VIEWS

about what is needed to make the
lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander people better.

1. CLOSING THE GAP STARTED IN: 2008



with an agreement between governments to work together to close the gap in life outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

2. This agreement was developed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and it is called:

THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS REFORM AGREEMENT (NIRA)



3. FOR THE FIRST TIME GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO CLOSING THE GAP TARGETS WHICH ARE PART OF THE NIRA.



4. A LOT OF NEW GOVERNMENT MONEY WAS COMMITTED AT THE START, bringing new programs and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - such as:

REMOTE HOUSING



HEALTH SERVICES

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

JOBS

HELP WANTED



5. NEW ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING MEASURES



WERE ALSO INTRODUCED TO SHOW PROGRESS AGAINST THE TARGETS, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PARLIAMENT.

6. BUT OVER TIME...



MUCH OF NIRA FELL AWAY: governments stopped working together, there was no more new money, and the independent oversight (accountability measures) didn't continue.

7. PROGRESS AGAINST THE CLOSING THE GAP TARGETS HAS BEEN SLOW and not what was hoped



Of the 7 targets, only 2 are on track to be met.

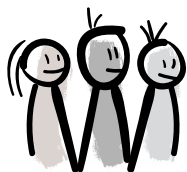
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1.

In December 2016, governments said they wanted to

'REFRESH'
CLOSING THE GAP

They also said they wanted to



WORK IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PEOPLES

2.

Governments talked to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in roundtables across Australia in 2018 about new targets that they thought were more...

REALISTIC &
ACHIEVEABLE



3.

BUT

many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations were worried that governments were not



**LISTENING
PROPERLY**

We wanted to talk about
**MORE THAN
JUST TARGETS**
on closing the gap.

4.

In October 2018, a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak organisations wrote to governments

to say that there needed to be a formal partnership with us to make decisions about

**CLOSING
THE GAP
TOGETHER**



5.

With the support of the Prime Minister

GOVERNMENTS
AGREED TO A
**FORMAL
PARTNERSHIP**
WITH US AT THE
COAG MEETING IN
DECEMBER 2018.



6.

**A
PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT
ON
CLOSING
THE GAP**

was signed in March
2019 with our Coalition.

7.

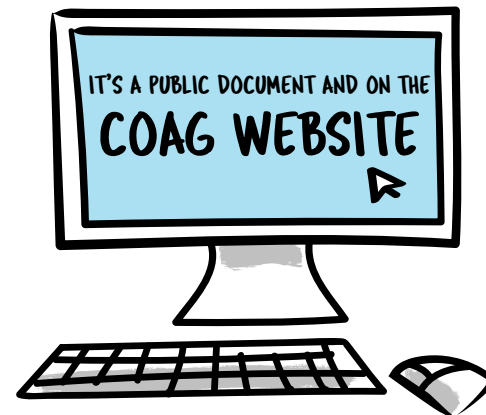
THE PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT ON CLOSING
THE GAP SETS OUT HOW

**DECISIONS
WILL BE MADE
TOGETHER**
ON CLOSING THE GAP FOR



8.

IT'S A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND ON THE
COAG WEBSITE



COALITION OF PEAKS



Working together



NATIONAL PEAK BODIES

Health

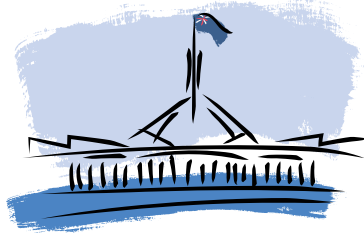
Children and Families

Native Title and Land

Social Justice

Media

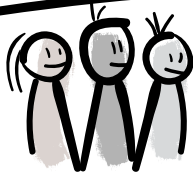
COUNCIL OF
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS



PRIME MINISTER, PREMIERS,
CHIEF MINISTERS,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MINISTERS AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

DECISIONS

Co-Chairs



JOINT COUNCIL ON CLOSING THE GAP

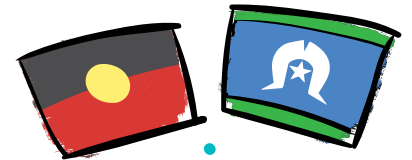
NEGOTIATING TABLE



PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP

WORKING TABLE

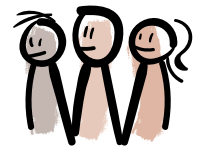
COALITION
OF PEAKS



12 REPS
ELECTED



PEAK REPS



WHERE
YOU
FIT IN!



Community

This element represents a strong community and the need for community to always be at the centre.

Membership

**Each peak
organisation**

Boards

**Coalition
of Peaks**

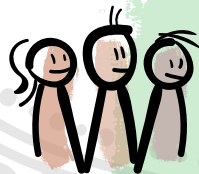
**Partnership
Working
Group**

A NEW AGREEMENT ON CLOSING THE GAP



NEXT 10 YEARS

REPLACES NIRA



AGREED TO BY THE COALITION OF PEAKS

FOCUSES ON 3 KEY AREAS FOR JOINT ACTION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO PEOPLE'S LIVES



BASED ON WHAT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING FOR A LONG TIME



NEW ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING MEASURES, AND NEW CLOSING THE GAP TARGETS

WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT CHANGES WHICH WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE



PRIORITY AREA FOR ACTION ONE

{ Formal partnerships between governments
and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
people on closing the gap }

When Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people
are properly involved in

**DECISION
MAKING**

there are
better outcomes



NO MORE GOVERNMENT
APPOINTED ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDERS ADVISERS

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE
HAVE THEIR OWN SUPPORT
FOR POLICY ADVICE AND
DON'T RELY ON
GOVERNMENTS

BASED ON OUR
OWN GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURES AND
FORMAL AGREEMENT
MAKING

FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS
ABOUT WHO IS MAKING
DECISIONS, ON WHAT
AND HOW

EVERYONE HAS
ACCESS TO THE
SAME MATERIALS TO
MAKE DECISIONS
(LIKE DATA)

WHAT IS NEEDED TO
**MAKE THIS
WORK?**

PRIORITY AREA FOR ACTION TWO

Growing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled services

1.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED SERVICES

**DELIVER THE BEST
OUTCOMES FOR OUR PEOPLES,**

AND SUPPORT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDER PEOPLE'S SELF-DETERMINATION.



2.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
COMMUNITY CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS



PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE
IMPORTANT TO US AND IN A WAY
THAT IS IMPORTANT TO US



EMPLOY LOTS OF
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE



HELP KEEP
GOVERNMENTS HONEST

3.

We have strong
organisations but we also
need strong sectors.

A STRONG SECTOR HAS:

DEDICATED JOBS AND TRAINING

PROTECTED FUNDING

SHARED KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT HOW TO DELIVER
GOOD SERVICES



6.

WHAT IS NEEDED
TO BUILD STRONGER
**COMMUNITY-
CONTROLLED
ORGANISATIONS
AND SECTORS?**

4.

WE ARE STRONG IN SOME SECTORS
BUT OTHERS NEED DEVELOPMENT



Health



Legal

Family and children



Land



5.

and also some service
areas where there are

NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH



COMMUNITY-
CONTROLLED
ORGANISATIONS

PRIORITY AREA FOR ACTION THREE

Improving mainstream service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



We still need some critical services to be provided by mainstream service providers and governments, like...

HOSPITALS

and



and

UNIVERSITIES



POLICE



We want them to **DO BETTER**

for Aboriginal people and to **BE ACCOUNTABLE** for doing better



MORE PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

EMPLOYING MORE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

MORE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE ON DECISION MAKING BOARDS FOR THAT ORGANISATION

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER IDEAS?

NEW CLOSING THE GAP TARGETS

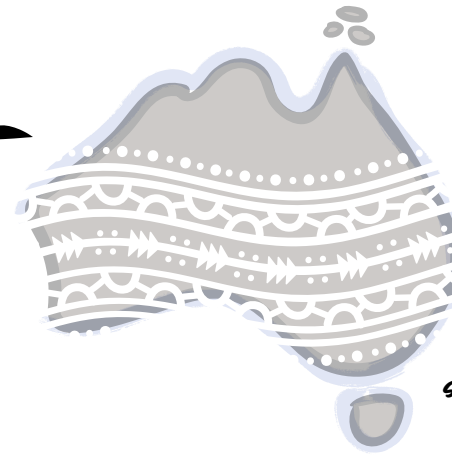
There will still be
closing the gap targets

COAG HAS ALREADY AGREED
TO A DRAFT SET FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSION

We also think it is important
to have targets on the

**PRIORITY AREAS
FOR ACTION**

and we want to track progress
in these areas too.



We want national targets that

**EVERYONE
IS RESPONSIBLE**

for, not some targets that the
states are responsible for and some that
the Commonwealth are responsible for.

WE WOULD LIKE
YOUR FEEDBACK
ON CLOSING THE GAP
TARGETS THAT GOVERNMENT
HAVE AGREED IN DRAFT AND ANY
OTHER TARGETS YOU THINK WE
SHOULD HAVE

What happens next?

YOUR IDEAS WILL BE PUT IN A PUBLIC REPORT BY THE COALITION OF PEAKS THAT WILL GO TO GOVERNMENTS AND INFORM THE NEW AGREEMENT.

GOVERNMENTS AND THE COALITION OF PEAKS



We also want to talk to governments about

NEW FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

TO SUPPORT CLOSING THE GAP OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS

THE NEW AGREEMENT



The new agreement is just the start



THIS INCLUDES IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION
MONITORING
AND REVIEW
OF THE AGREEMENT

OVERALL, WE WANT...



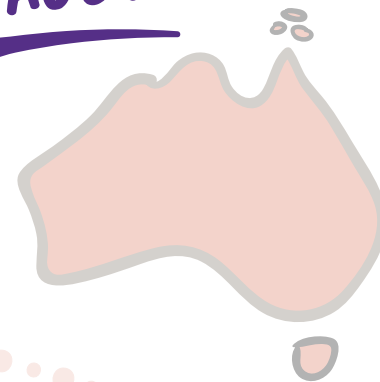
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MAINSTREAM
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SUPPORTED IN
BROADER
AUSTRALIA



LIVE LONG LIVES
WHERE EVERYONE CAN
PURSU
THEIR AMBITIONS

CONNECTED TO
CULTURE, LAND
AND LANGUAGE

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Thanks for
sharing
your ideas

