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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATE

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# Introduction

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# **Response to draft Preliminary Evaluation Report**

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# Recommendations for the Australian Government Department of Health

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**Rec. 2:** Provide immediate advice about the funding of TIS from June 2017 to end of current funding cycle.

**Rec. 1:** The TIS program in its current form should be continued, with a move away from short-term funding cycles.



## Recommendations for the Department cont'd

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**Rec 3:** Provide clarity around what is allowable in relation to healthy lifestyle activities within the current iteration of the TIS program.



## Recommendations for the Department cont'd

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**Rec. 15:** Articulate the role of the National Coordinator in the context that the program has evolved and as such his role has evolved.



## Recommendations for the Department cont'd

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**Rec. 17:** Provide greater clarification of TIS funding parameters, especially in terms of incorporation of healthy lifestyle activities and one-on-one smoking cessation support.



## Other recommendations

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**Rec. 4: Grant recipients: Continue to broker partnerships and leverage relationships.**

**Rec. 5: NBPU TIS: Continue to build capability of grant recipients to broker partnerships and leverage relationships through the distribution and promotion of relevant resources.**





## Other recommendations continued

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### **Rec. 6: Grant recipients: Continue to identify and prioritise key groups, especially pregnant women.**

- Preventing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Maternal Smoking portal (PATSIMS), located on the Australian Indigenous Health *InfoNet*.



## Other recommendations continued

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**Rec. 10:** National Coordinator: Lead a dialogue between regional leaders, including CEOs, Board members of TIS and non-TIS funded organisations around establishing smoke-free environments.



# Engagement with State and Territory Governments

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- The Department engages with state and territory governments through:
  - Tobacco Policy Officers Group (TPOG)
  - National Expert Reference Group on Tobacco (National Reference Group)
- The Department is also commencing engagement with the Aboriginal community controlled health sector through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Forums for a stocktake of health promotion initiatives.



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# The final / third year of the TIS program

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**TIS funding underspends – please let us know early.**