Making Connections: A Systems Approach to Tackling Indigenous Smoking
What is the broad issue?

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics
What is the issue for remote?

Source: ABS 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples: Smoking Trends, Australia, 1994 to 2014-15
What is the TIS Program?

- Regional tobacco control grants
- A National Best Practice Unit (NBPU)
- Quitline Enhancements
- National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking
- QuitSkills training
- National Evaluation
- Innovation grants

TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING

NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE UNIT
TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING
Where are TIS teams?
**NBPU TIS Structure**

- **National Co-ordinator**: Prof. Tom Calma AO
- **Department of Health**
- **NBPU TIS Advisory Group**

**Project Director**: Rod Reeve

- **Manager**: Desley Thompson
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- **Project Officers**: Debbie Reichelt, Alicia Gigante, Kelly Franklin
- **Admin Support Officer**: Cassie Brown

**University of Canberra**: Prof. Rachel Davey

- **Snr Researcher**: Assoc. Prof. Penney Upton

**HealthInfoNet**: Prof. Neil Drew

- **Website Manager**: Kathy Ride / Millie Harford-Mills

**Expert Advisors & Consultants**
TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING

Providing support to organisations funded under the national Tackling Indigenous Smoking program
Strengthening community action

- Community Organisations
- Cultural Heritage
- Health Care Providers
- Festivals and Event

- Women’s groups
- Land Councils
- Drop-in Centres
- Language
- Family networks
- Bush locations
- Mental health programs (eg PHAMS)
- Aboriginal Health Care Worker
- Council meeting room
- Youth Centre
- Bough shelter
- Breath of Life
- Arts Festival
- Sporting Events

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Apunipima social marketing campaign
Remote area challenges
Growing supportive environments

- This is a smoke-free workplace. Thank you for not smoking.
- My house is smoke-free.
- No smoking in my car.
Bega Garnbirringu
Re-orienting health and social services

Increase the number of Australians who are healthy at every stage of life

- Tobacco Free Living
- Preventing Drug Abuse & Excessive Alcohol Use
- Healthy Eating
- Injury & Violence Free Living
- Reproductive & Sexual Health
- Mental & Emotional Wellbeing
- Active Living

Healthy & Safe Community Environments
Clinical & Community Preventive Services
Empowered People
Elimination of Health Disparities
AHCSA

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Remote area challenges
Is TIS working in remote?

**Smoking status recorded (%)**

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**Smoking status**

- **Daily smokers**
  - 1-Jun-16: 53.70%
  - 1-Dec-16: 53.70%
  - 1-Jun-17: 52.90%
  - 1-Dec-17: 52.20%

- **Ex-smokers**
  - 1-Jun-16: 36.50%
  - 1-Dec-16: 35.60%
  - 1-Jun-17: 36.10%
  - 1-Dec-17: 36.40%

- **Never smoked**
  - 1-Jun-16: 9.80%
  - 1-Dec-16: 10.70%
  - 1-Jun-17: 11.00%
  - 1-Dec-17: 11.00%
Conclusion
Our Recommendation:

- Continued Investment
- Targeted Tobacco Action
- BETTER TOGETHER