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Who we are



Matilda Jureidini

From Adelaide, but have lived in Canberra for nearly 10 years. I've recently joined the TIS team after joining the Department of Health in 2020.



Marlene Duus

Lived in Canberra for many years, and has worked in the TIS team since 2018.



Katherine McHugh

From Brisbane, but have lived in Canberra for over 20 years. New to TIS but has managed national health policies and programs for many years.



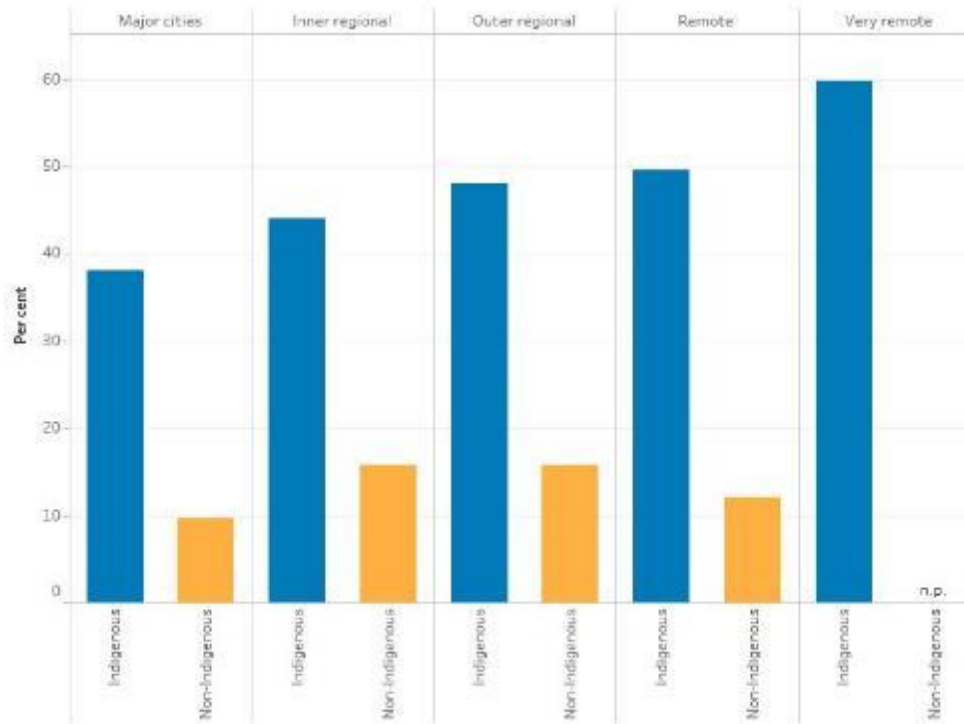
Clayton Irwin

Ngarluma man, raised in Katherine/Darwin NT and has worked in the TIS program since 2018.



How tobacco use is tracking against ‘big picture’ goals

Figure 1: Proportion of mothers who smoked during pregnancy, by Indigenous status, 2018



n.p. = not publishable

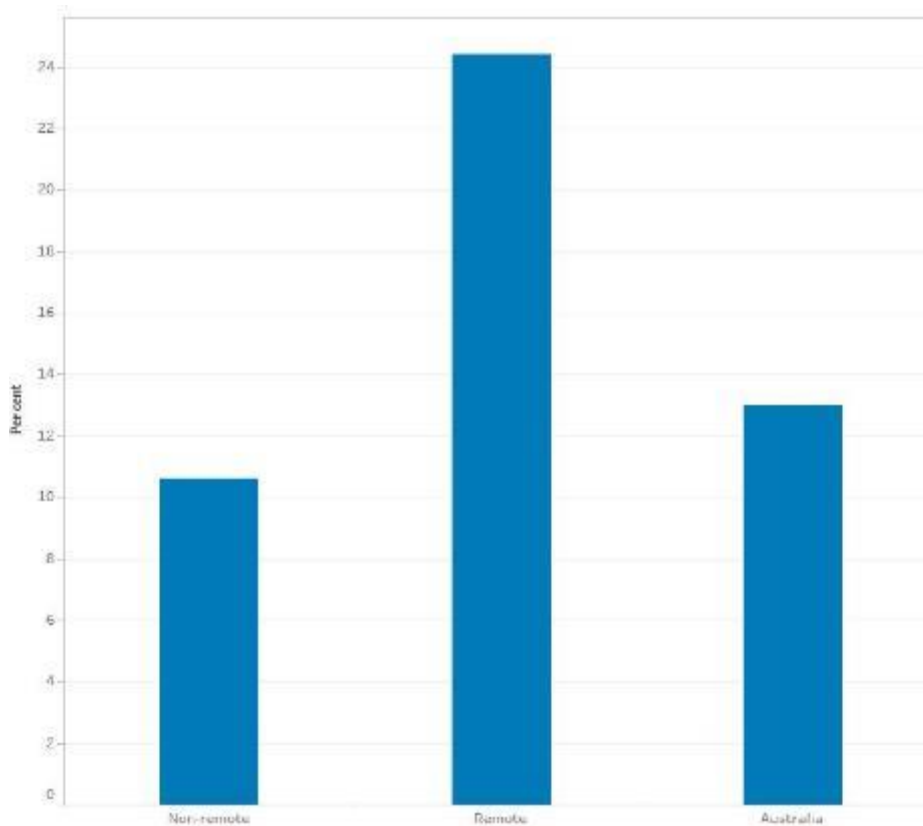
Notes

1. Some rates are not published because of confidentiality and/or reliability reasons - see the source data tables for more information.
2. Crude rates are presented for Indigenous Australian women only. Age-standardised rates should be used for comparisons between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian women.



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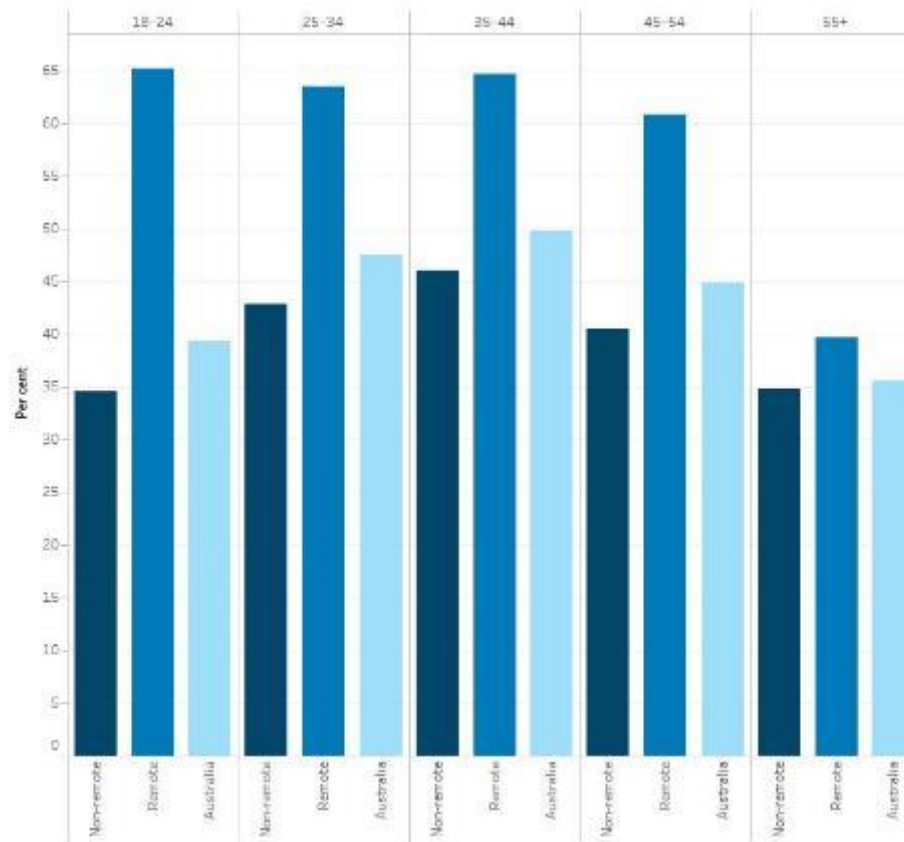
Figure 2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth aged 15–17 who reported being current smokers, by remoteness, 2018–19





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Figure 3: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 and over who reported being current smokers, by age group and remoteness, 2018-19





The emerging priorities & policy context ...

The National Agreement on Closing the Gap

For the first time, the National Agreement has been developed in genuine partnership between Australian governments and the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations (the Coalition of Peaks).

Priority Reform Areas

1. Formal partnerships and shared decision making
2. Building the community controlled sector
3. Transforming Government Organisations
4. Shared access to data and information at a regional level

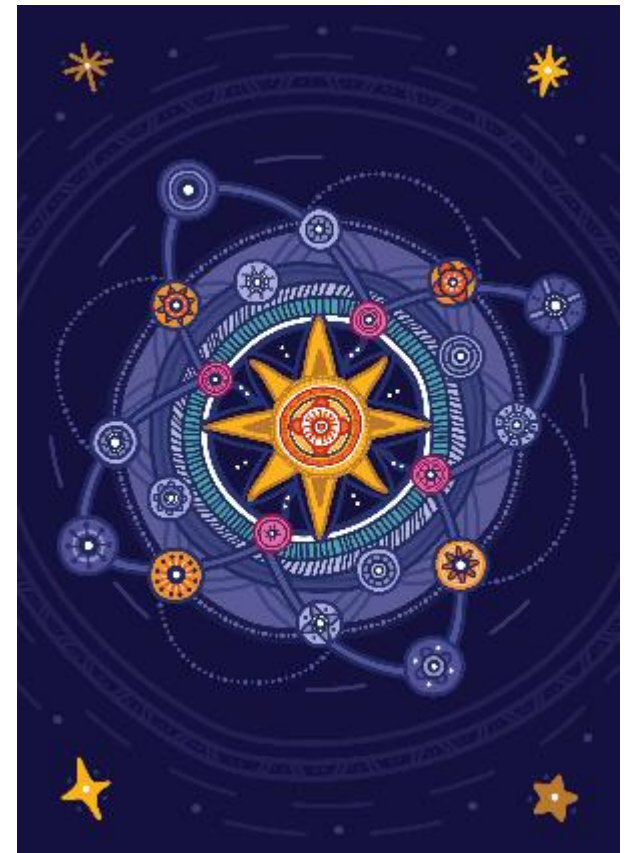


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National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021-2031

Developed in partnership through the **Health Plan Working Group**

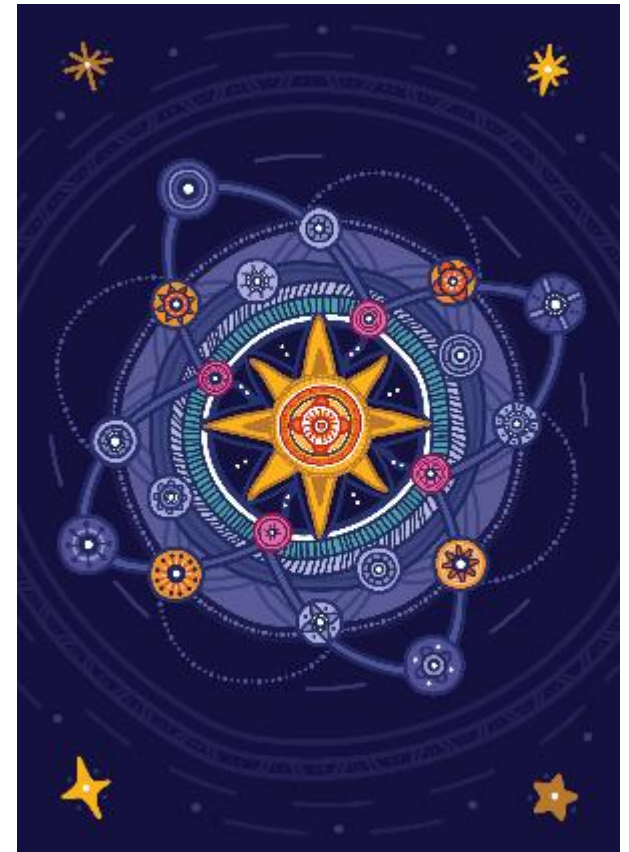
- Chaired by Ms Donna Murray
- Broad representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders
- Representation from Health and NIAA





The emerging priorities & policy context ...

- Provides an **overarching policy framework** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health – to be agreed cross-jurisdictionally
- Aligns with key policies and priorities – including **Closing the Gap** and mainstream (**Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan, Preventive Health Strategy, National Medical Workforce Strategy**)
- **Simplified goals and actions**
- Maintains strong focus on **addressing racism**
- Embeds **stronger accountability**

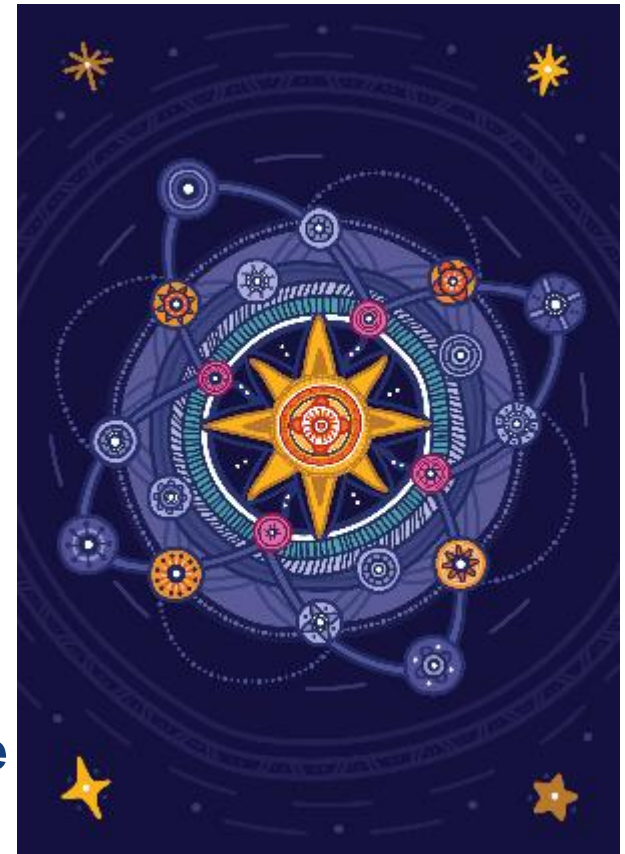


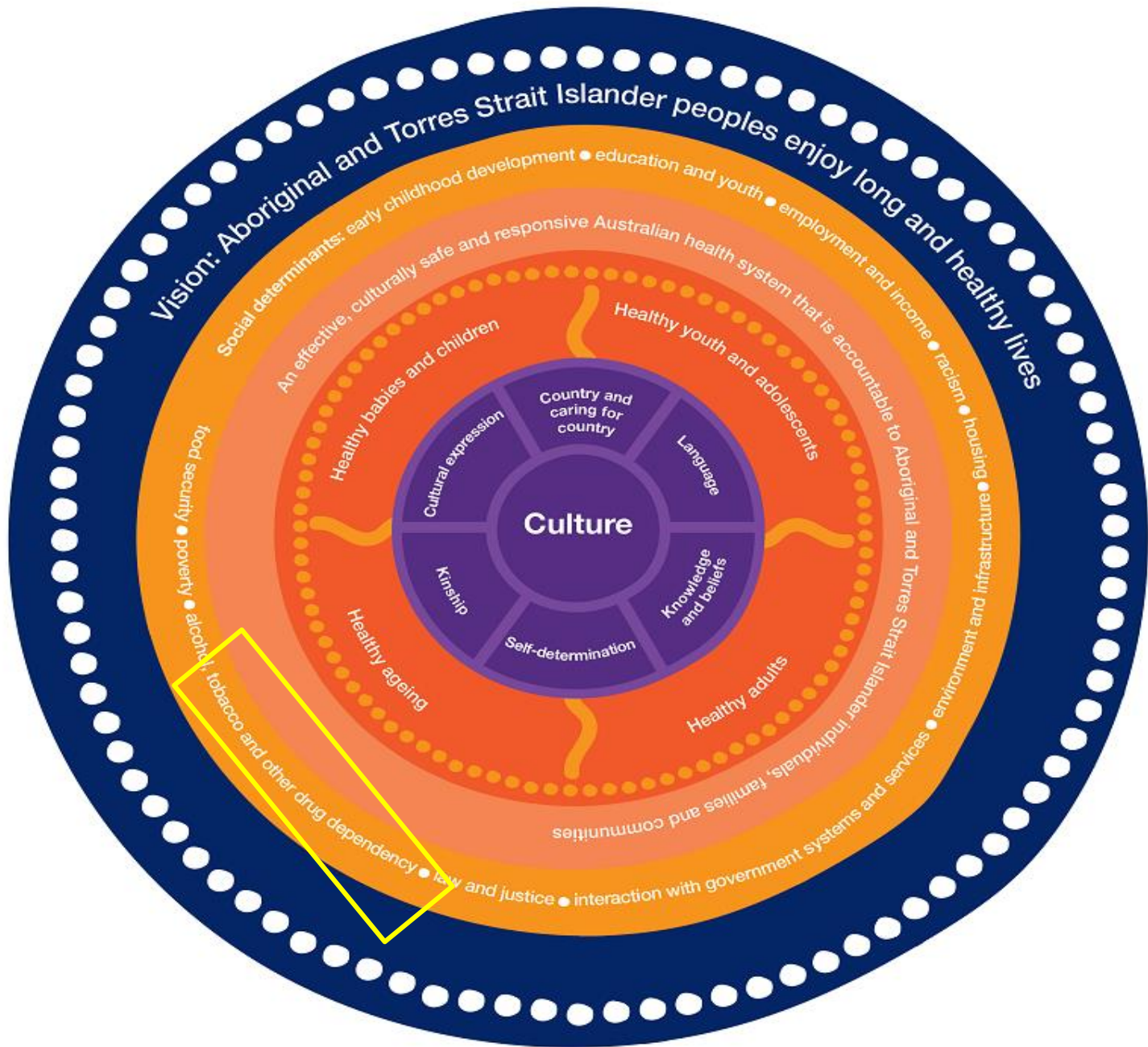


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Strategies

- Enhance health literacy to support integrated health promotion
- Deliver targeted, needs-based and community driven activities to support healthy babies
- Continue to implement culturally safe and responsive solutions to prevent the uptake of tobacco use
- Continue to increase the quality and uptake of health checks







The emerging priorities & policy context ...

Draft National Preventive Health Strategy

Boosting Action: Reducing Tobacco Use

Policy Achievements by 2030

- Reduced tobacco use among populations with higher prevalence of tobacco use
- Reduced tobacco use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including during pregnancy, through expansion of efforts and community partnerships
- Reduced tobacco use among regional and remote Australians through targeted support





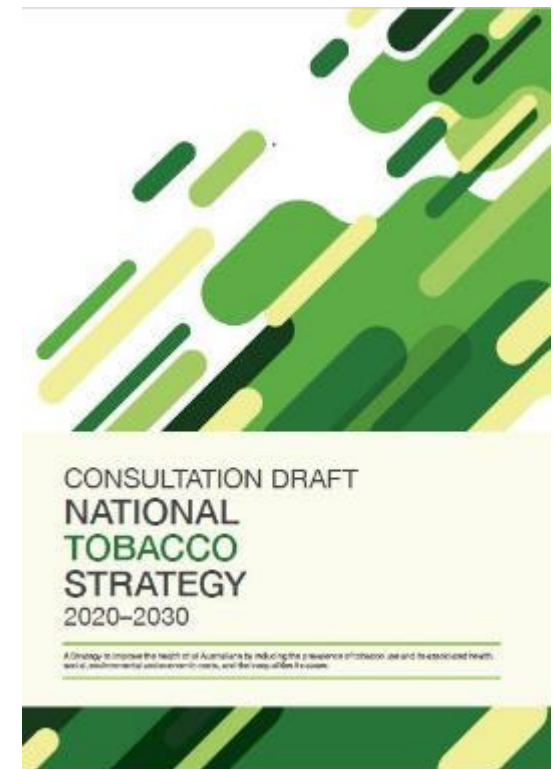
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National Tobacco Strategy 2020-2030 (in development)

Sets a new policy framework for tobacco control in Australia

Objectives include prevent & reduce tobacco use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Priority areas include continue to expand efforts & partnerships to reduce tobacco use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

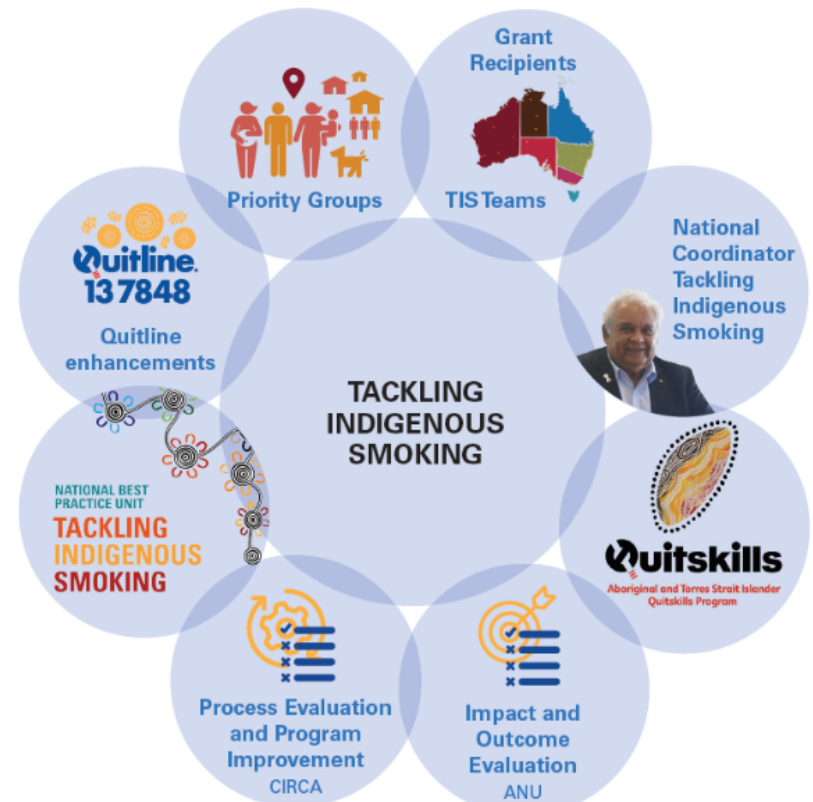




TIS Program impact and opportunities ...

Key Priorities for TIS

- **Demonstrating impact**
 - National evaluation
 - Data collection
 - Performance reporting
- **Maximising impact**
 - RTCG funding & service areas
 - Targeting strategic priorities
 - Smoking during pregnancy
 - Remote communities & outreach
 - Continuous Quality Improvement
 - Strengthening partnerships





Question & Answer

Thank you

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