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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATE

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# Who we are

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**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.



## The emerging priorities & policy context ...

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# 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

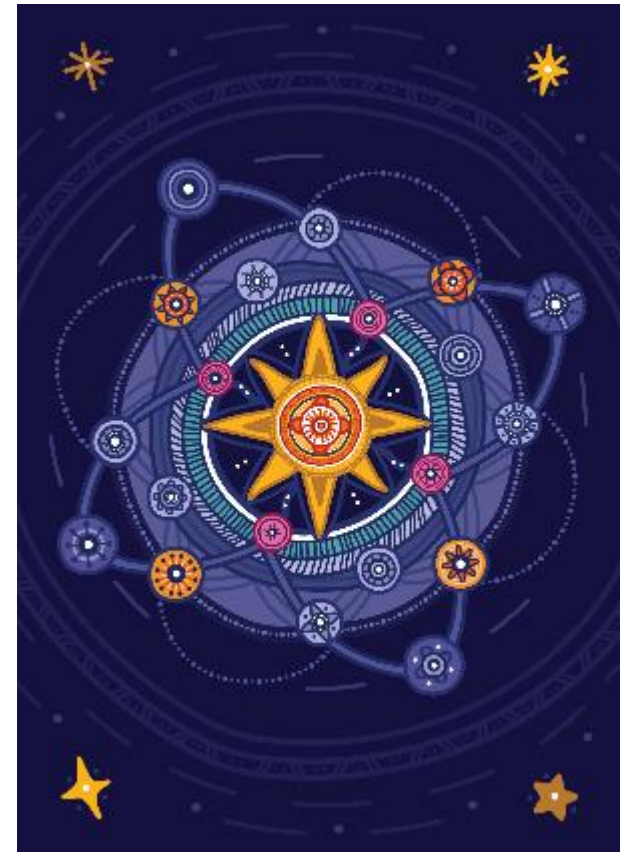


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# National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021-2031

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

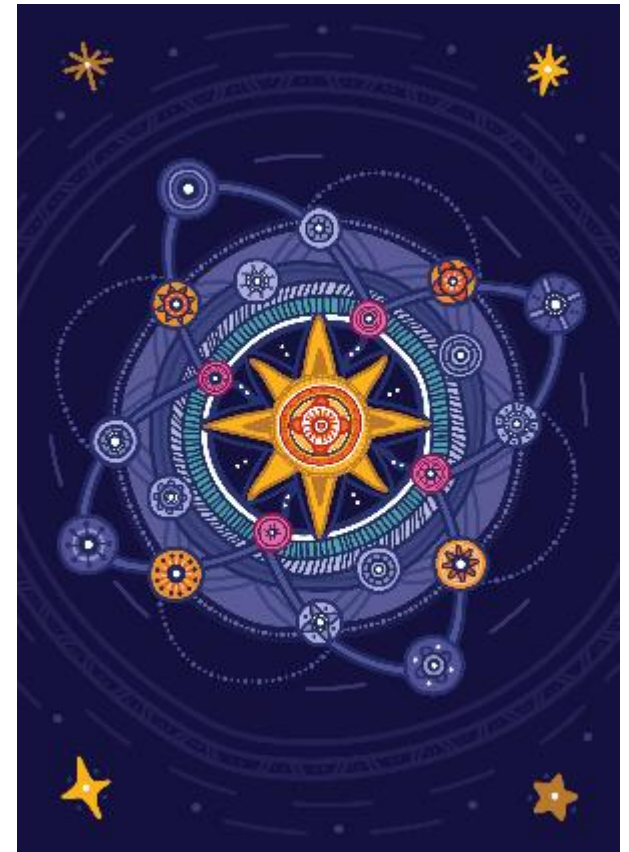
- Chaired by Ms Donna Murray
- Broad representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders
- Representation from Health and NIAA





## 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**

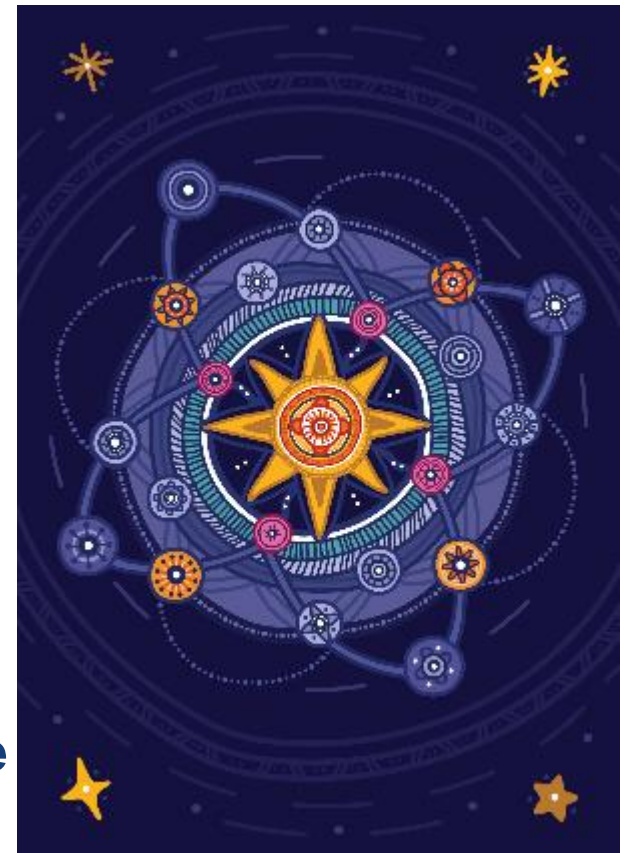


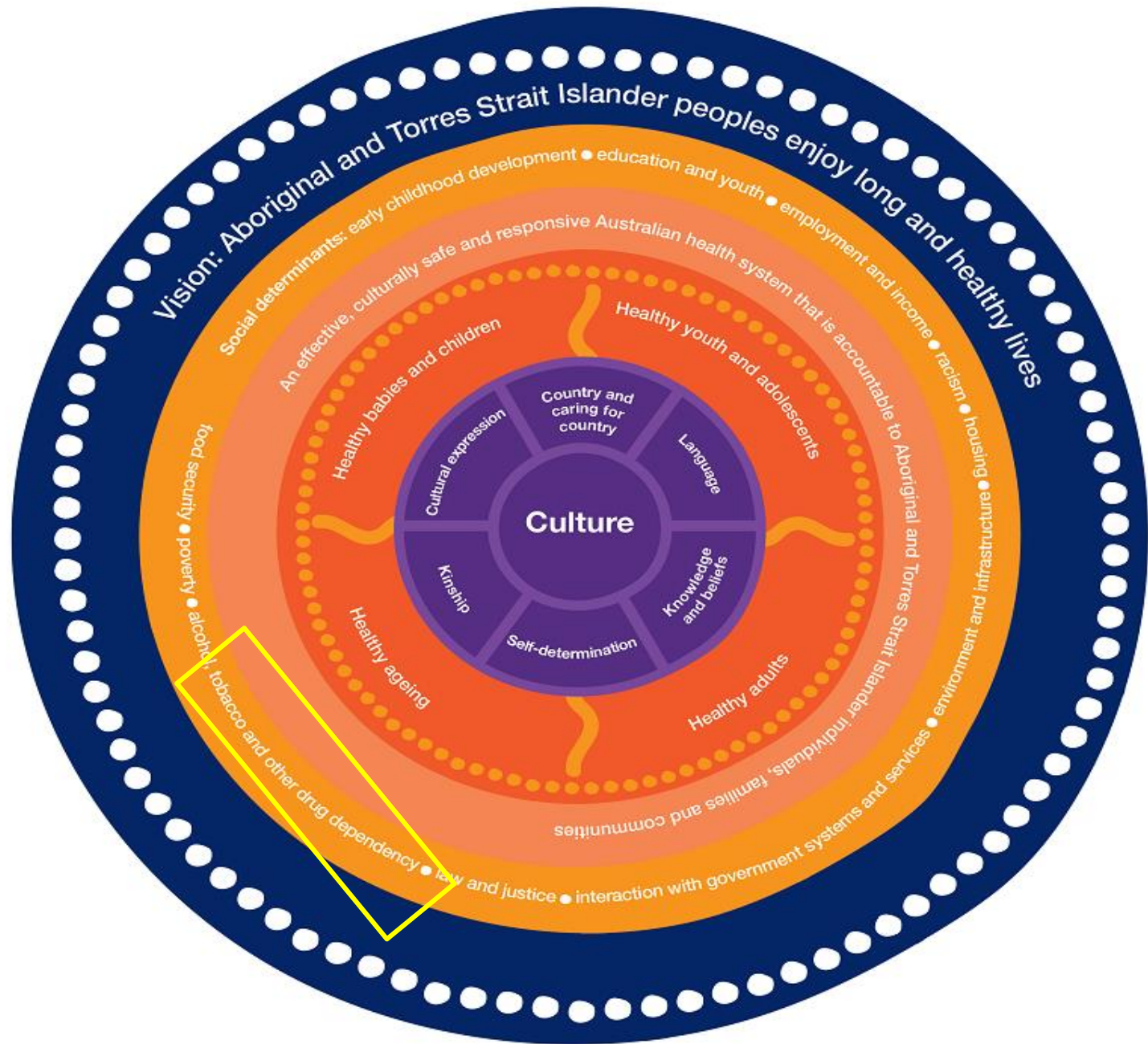


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### Strategies

- 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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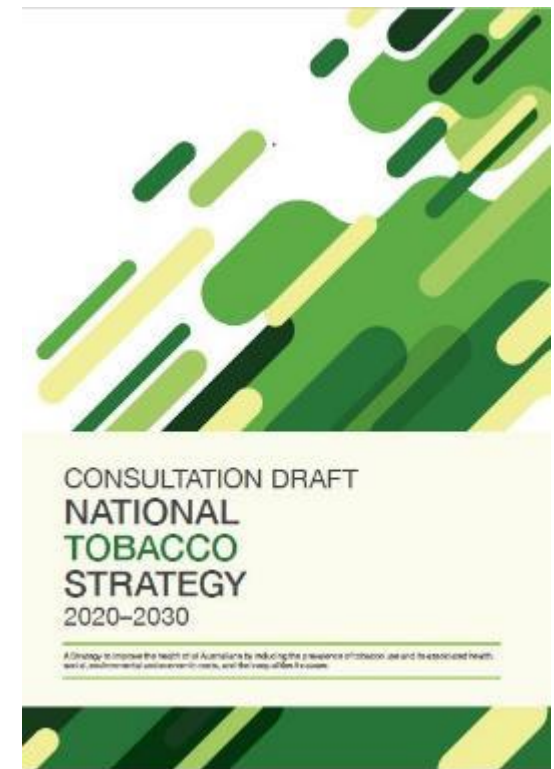
# National Tobacco Strategy

## 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

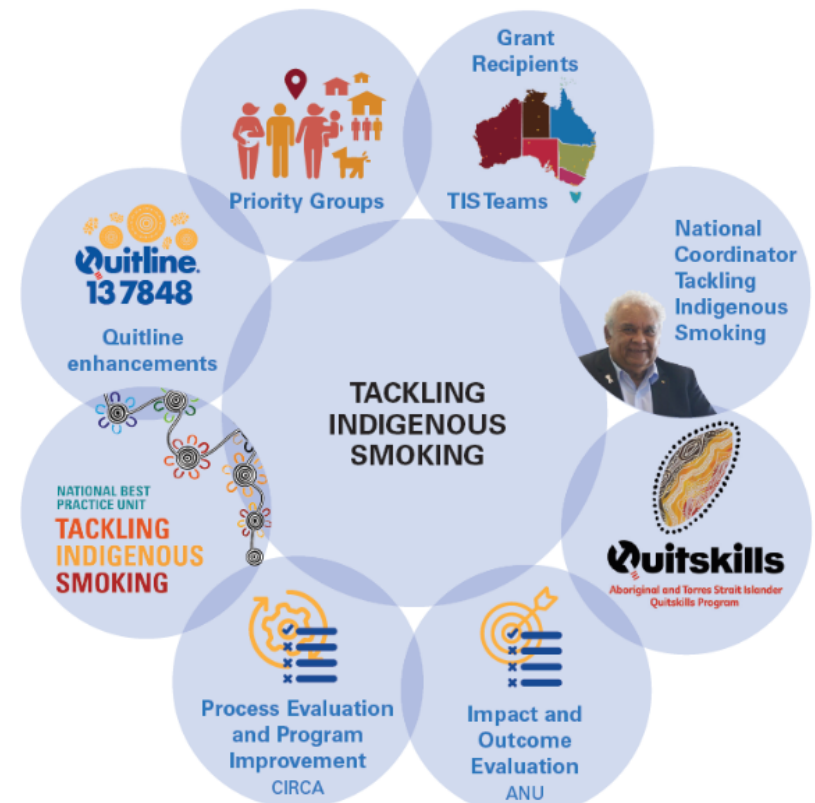




# TIS Program impact and opportunities ...

## 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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