



11th – 12th June

Darwin Convention Centre
Larrakia Country

National TIS Workers Workshop



Prof Tom Calma AO
**National Coordinator Tackling
Indigenous Smoking**

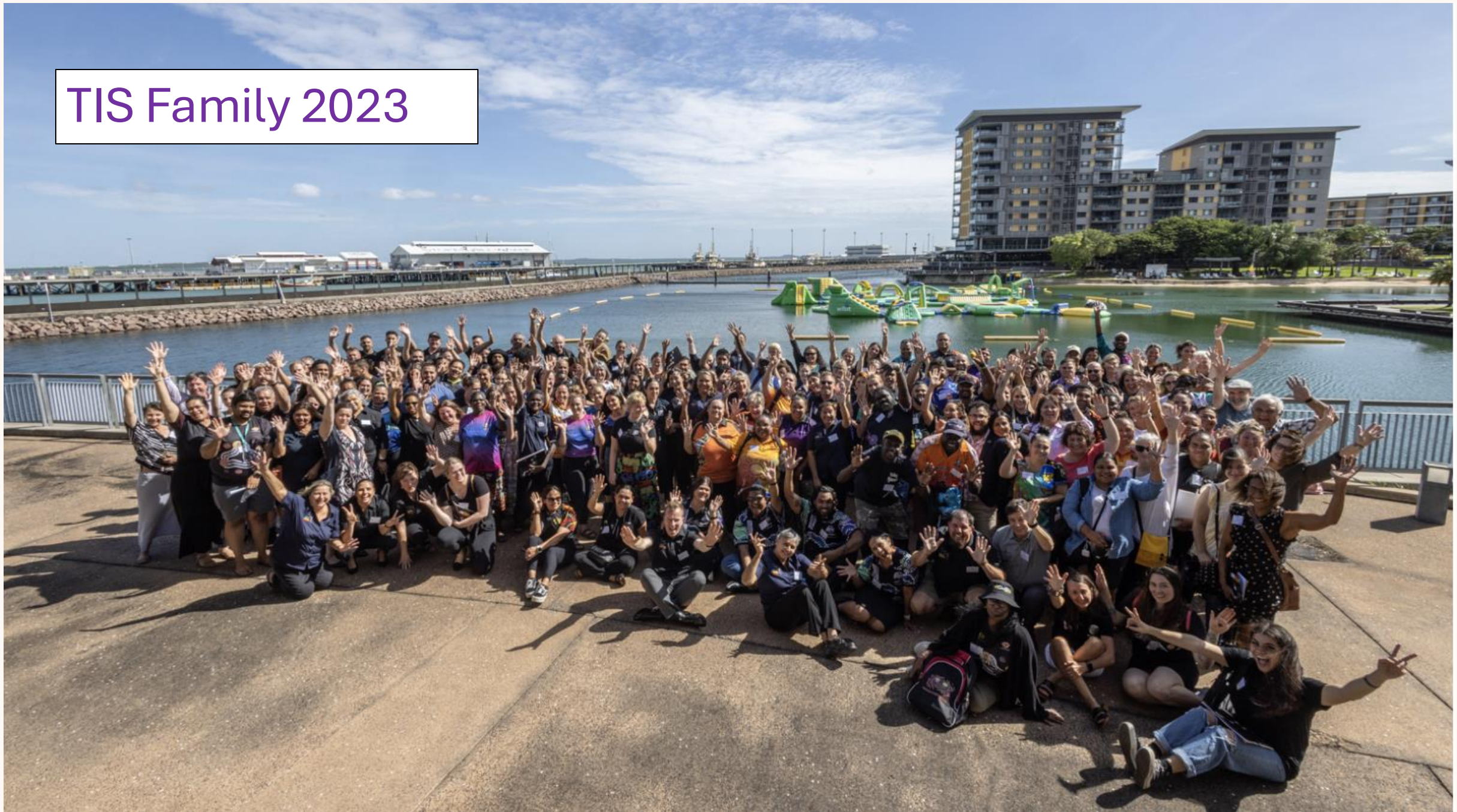


I recognise the
Larrakia
People
and *all*
Aboriginal,
Torres Strait
Islander and
indigenous
Peoples in
attendance
today

TIS Family 2019



TIS Family 2023





DAY ONE / HALL 2

8.15am – 8.50am

Registration

8.50am – 9.00am

Official Welcome

Eileen Van Iersel, National Program Manager NBPU TIS

9.00am – 9.20am

Welcome to Country

Lynette Fejo, Larrakia Traditional Owner

9.20am – 9.40am

Opening Address

Prof Tom Calma AO, National Coordinator TIS

9.40am – 10.10am

Flip the Vape Campaign

Victorian Aboriginal Health Service Team

10.10am – 10.45am

Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Update

Representative of Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

10.45am – 11.05am / Morning Tea

11.05am – 11.25am



DAY ONE / HALL 2

12.30pm – 1.20pm / Lunch

Concurrent Sessions

1.20pm – 2.00pm

Hall 2

Remote communities (Blue)

Katherine West Health Board and Apunipima

Meeting Room 1 and 2

Pregnant women and families (Red)

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and Pangula

Meeting Room 3 and 4

Youth (Green)

South West Aboriginal Medical Service and G

2.00pm – 2.45pm

Hall 2

Remote communities (Red)

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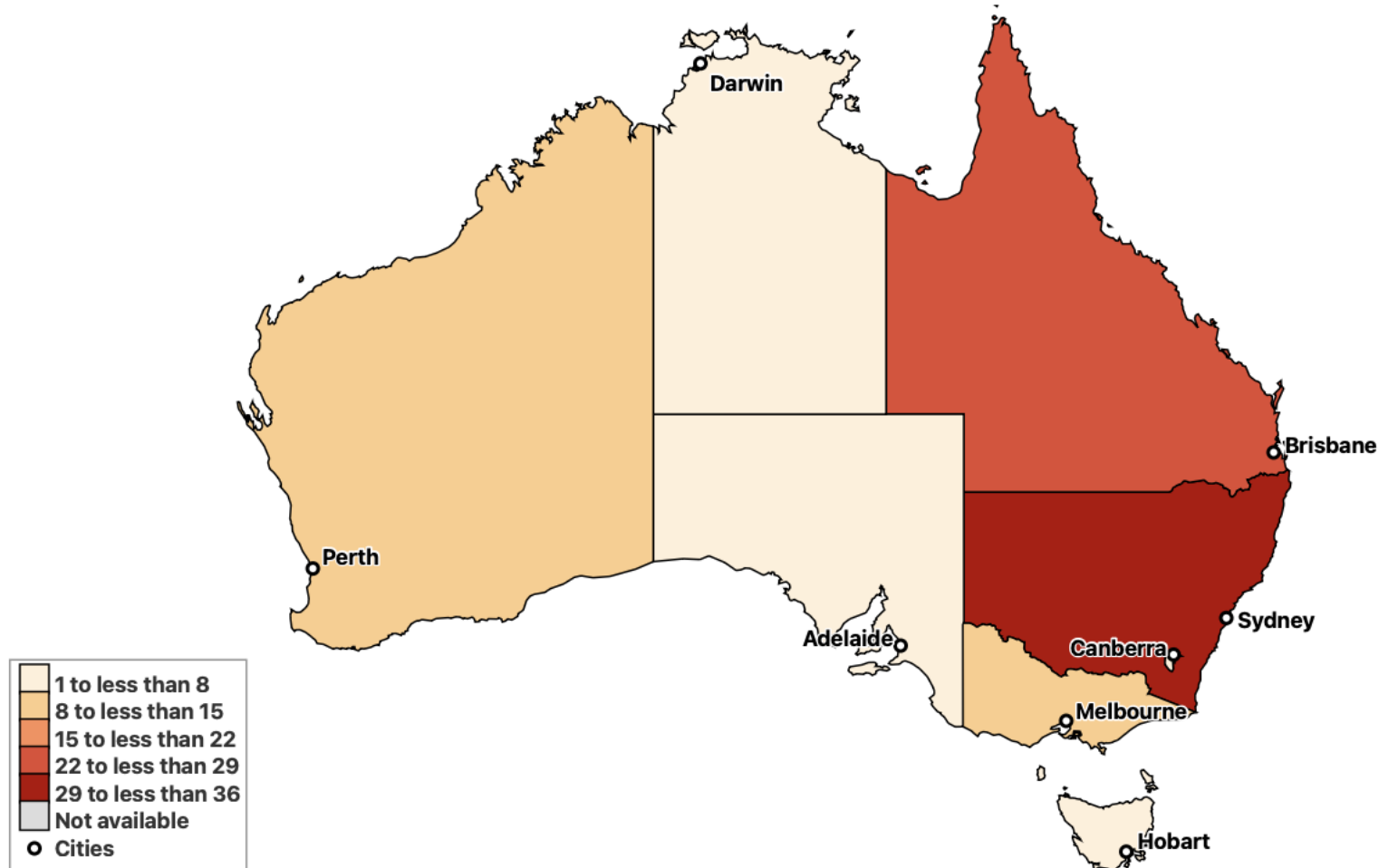
Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service and Pangula

Estimated population, Indigenous status – 30 June 2021
983,700 people, **3.8%** of the **Australian** population

	Aboriginal only (no.)	Torres Strait Islander only (no.)	Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (no.)	Total Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (no.)	Non- Indigenous (no.)	Total (no.)
NSW	326,927	5,971	6,812	339,710	7,757,352	8,097,062
Vic.	74,263	2,463	1,970	78,696	6,469,126	6,547,822
Qld	222,309	25,169	25,641	273,119	4,942,695	5,215,814
SA	49,721	1,195	1,153	52,069	1,750,532	1,802,601
WA	114,995	2,213	2,798	120,006	2,629,359	2,749,365
Tas.	31,140	1,361	1,356	33,857	533,382	567,239
NT	73,101	917	2,469	76,487	171,664	248,151
ACT	8,971	241	313	9,525	442,983	452,508
Aust. (a)	901,655	39,538	42,516	983,709	24,701,703	25,685,412

a. Includes Other Territories.

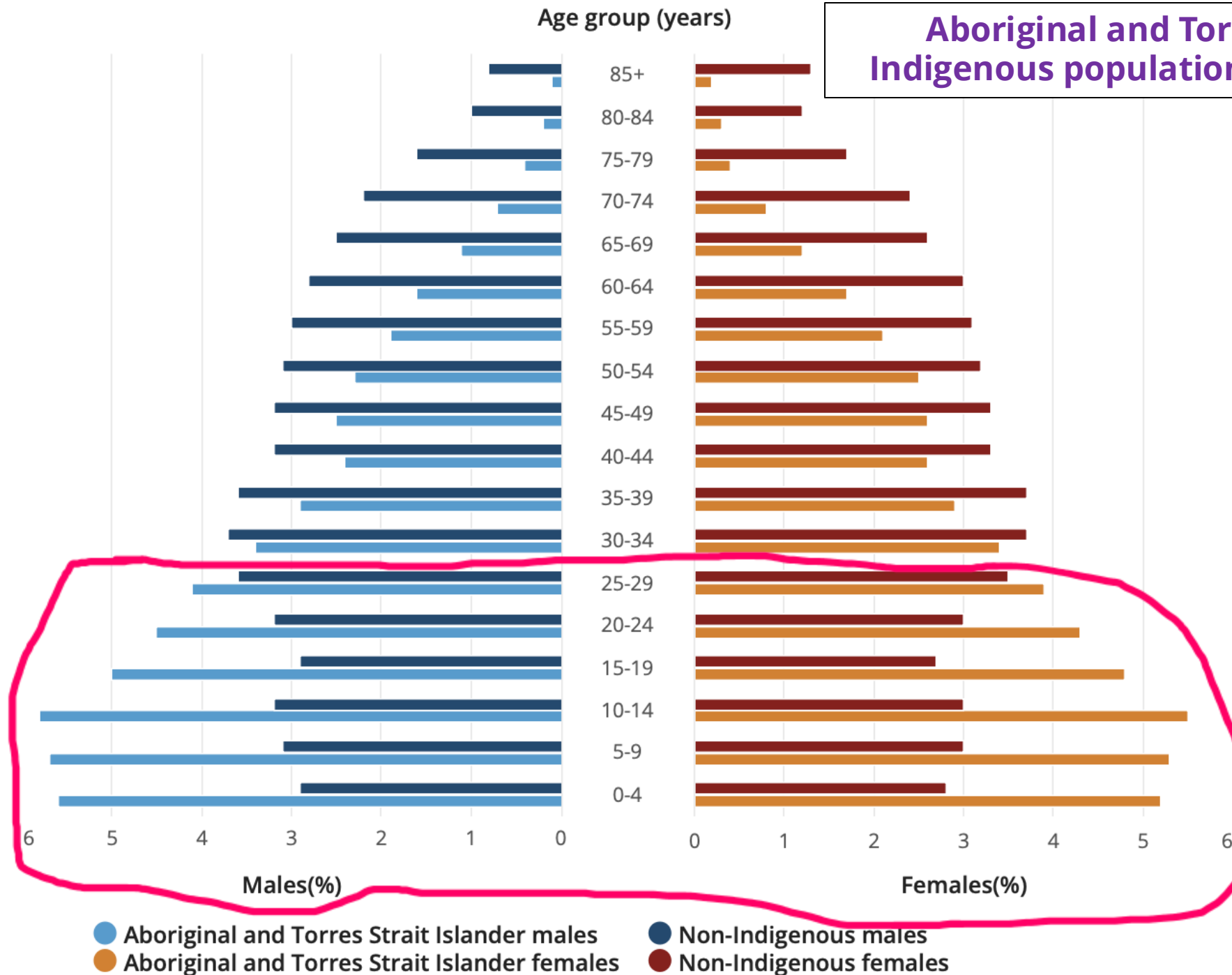
Distribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population by state and territory of usual residence – 30 June 2021 (%)



Remoteness Areas

- Over **a third** of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population **lived in Major Cities** of Australia (401,700 people).
- **One quarter (24.8%)** of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population (244,000 people) **lived in Inner Regional Australia**.
- 187,200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people **(19.0%) lived in Outer Regional** Australia.
- The remaining **15.4%** of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population **lived in Remote** (58,700 people or **6.0%**) and **Very Remote** (92,100 people or **9.4%**) Australia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous populations by age groups – 30 June 2021



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population had a younger age structure than the non-Indigenous population, with both **larger proportions of young people** and **smaller proportions of older people**. This reflects higher birth rates and lower life expectancy in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population compared with that in the non-Indigenous population.

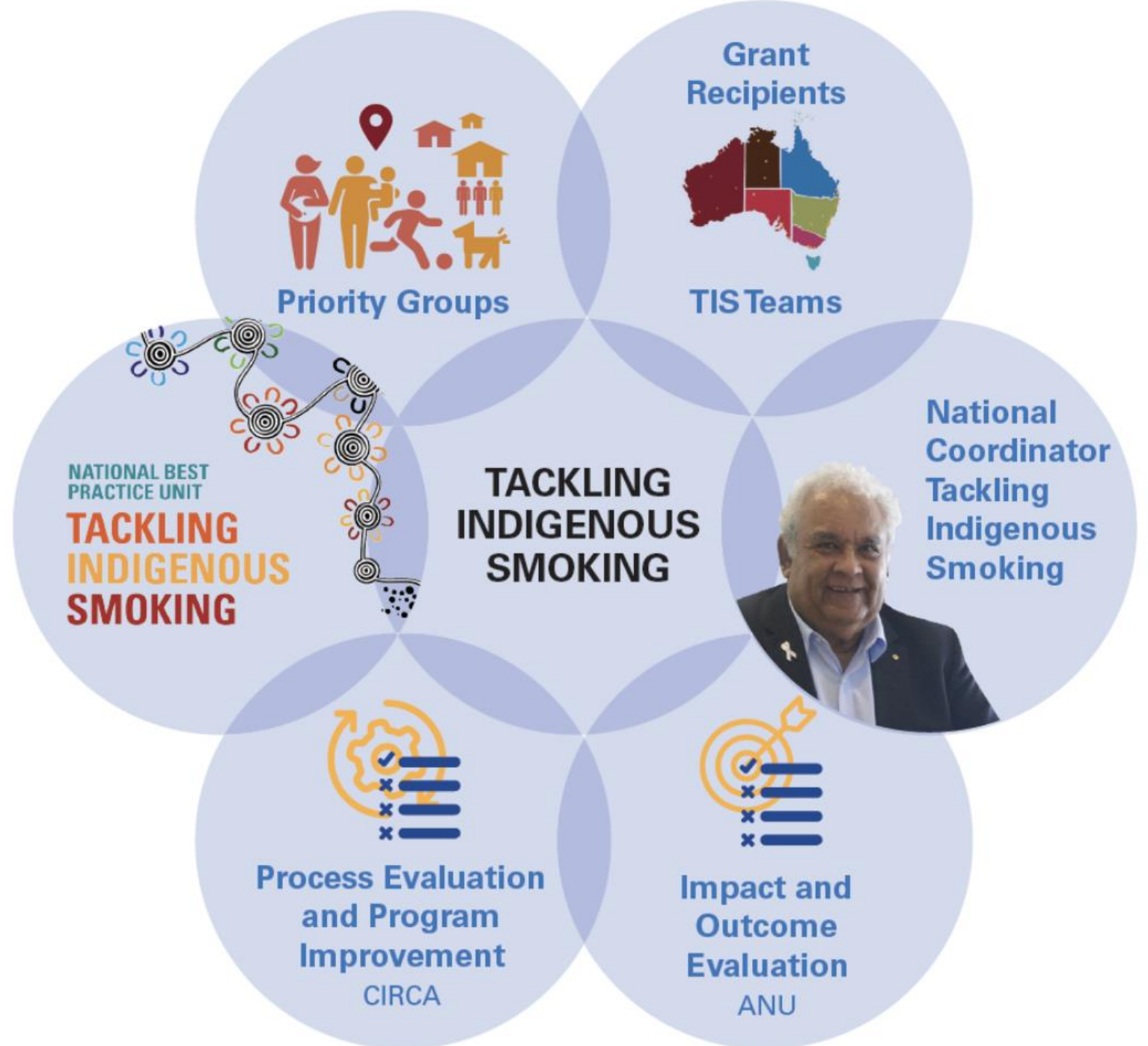
Age and sex structure

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- The **median age** of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was **24.0 years**.
- **One-third (33.1%)** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians were **aged under 15 years compared with 17.9% of non-Indigenous people**
- People aged **65 years and over comprised 5.4%** of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population **compared with 17.2%** of the non-Indigenous population.
- Females outnumbered males in age groups **over 35 years**.

The TIS Family

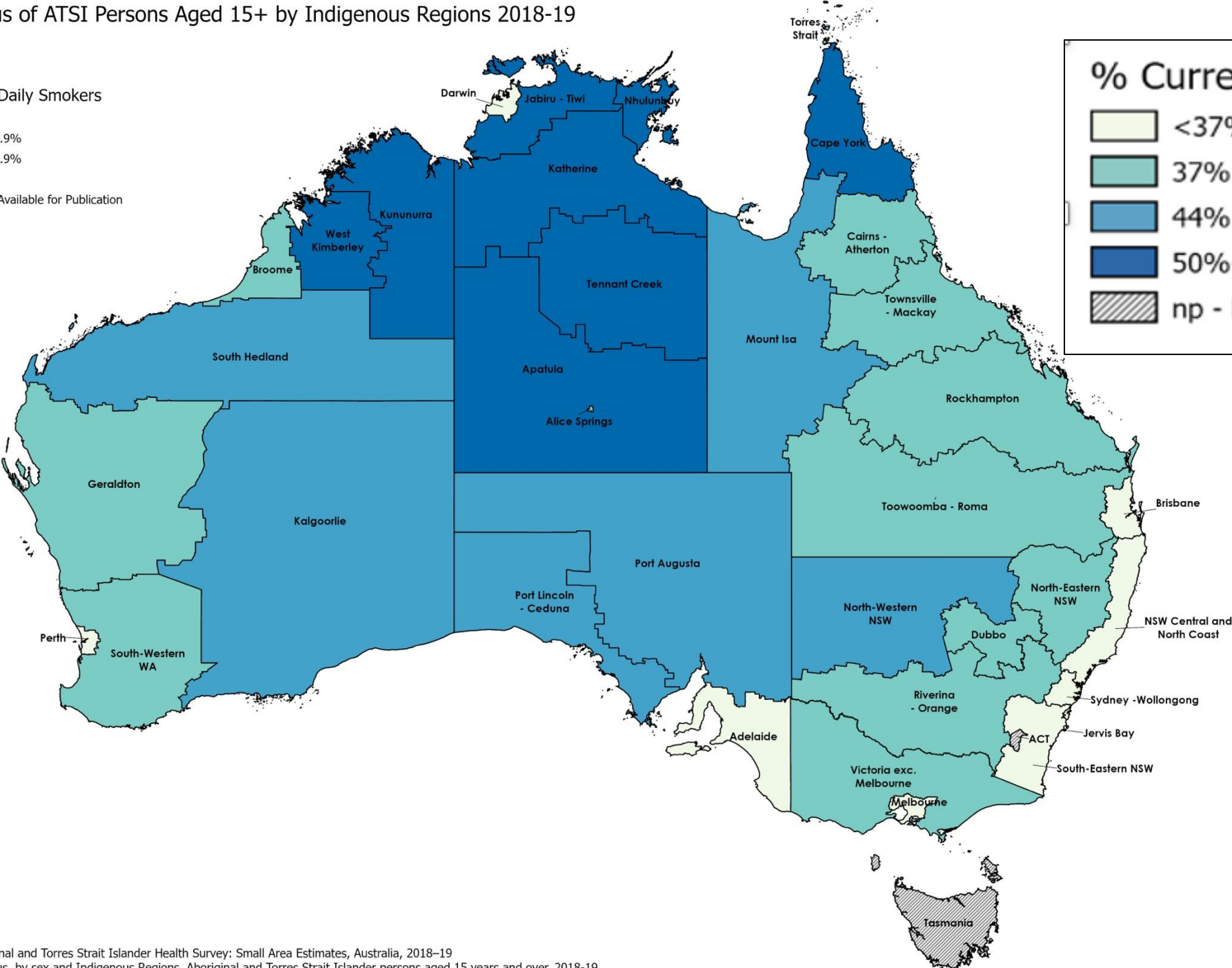
- TIS commenced in Jan 2010
- Maintained funding and growth under successive governments
- Consistent leadership NCTIS – 10 days per month
- Supported by a National Best Practices Unit
- 2 discrete evaluation system - CQI
- Population Health Program – do not run programs
- Clear Grant Operational Guidelines (GOGs)



Smoker Status of ATSI Persons Aged 15+ by Indigenous Regions 2018-19

% Current Daily Smokers

- <37%
- 37% - 43.9%
- 44% - 49.9%
- 50%+
- np - Not Available for Publication



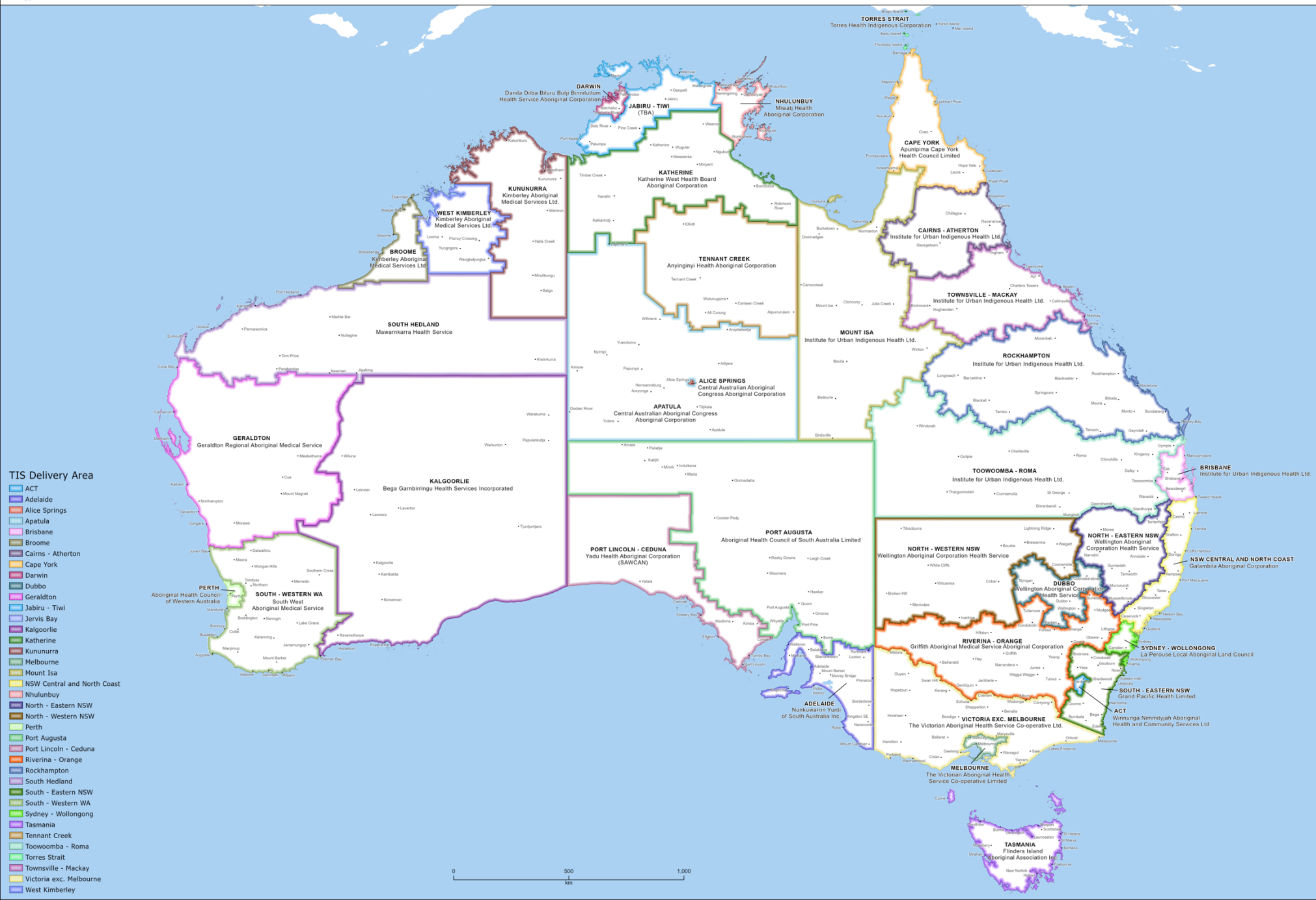
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IREG
Boundaries
from
1 July 2023



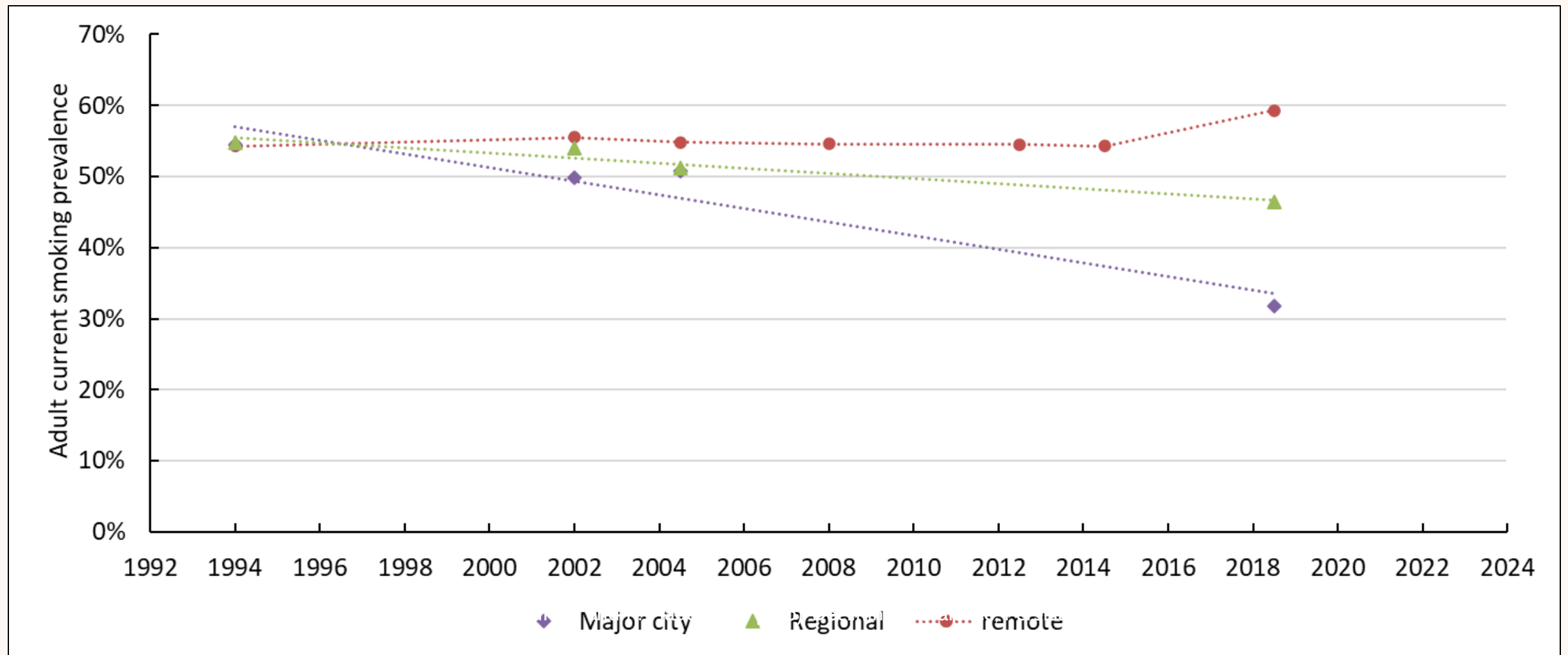
Tackling Indigenous Smoking (TIS) - Program Delivery Areas from 1 July 2023



37 TIS
Regions

**Localised
messaging
and
interventions
developed
with and
driven by
the
community**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples smoking incidence by geographic region



Why is TIS considered successful?

2010 – 50+%

Challenge still remains Regional and Remote and very remote residents

2018/9 – 37%

15 years of bi-partisan support and for the past 8 years Funding and Policy stability

2030 – 27% Target

Population health and referral practice

2024 – 29%

Ongoing **evaluations** and building the **capacity** of and **empowering** local communities **to come up with the messaging and strategies** that suit them.

Challenges

We quit because...

“Smoking is killing too many of our mob”

Be like us - Stop smoking and let your body heal.

For our stories visit www.iqitbecause.org.au



Ray
Quit for 30 years



Christine
Quit for 15 years



R.I.P.



Tallulah
Quit for 2 years



Colin
Quit for 19 years



Barbara
Quit for 3 years

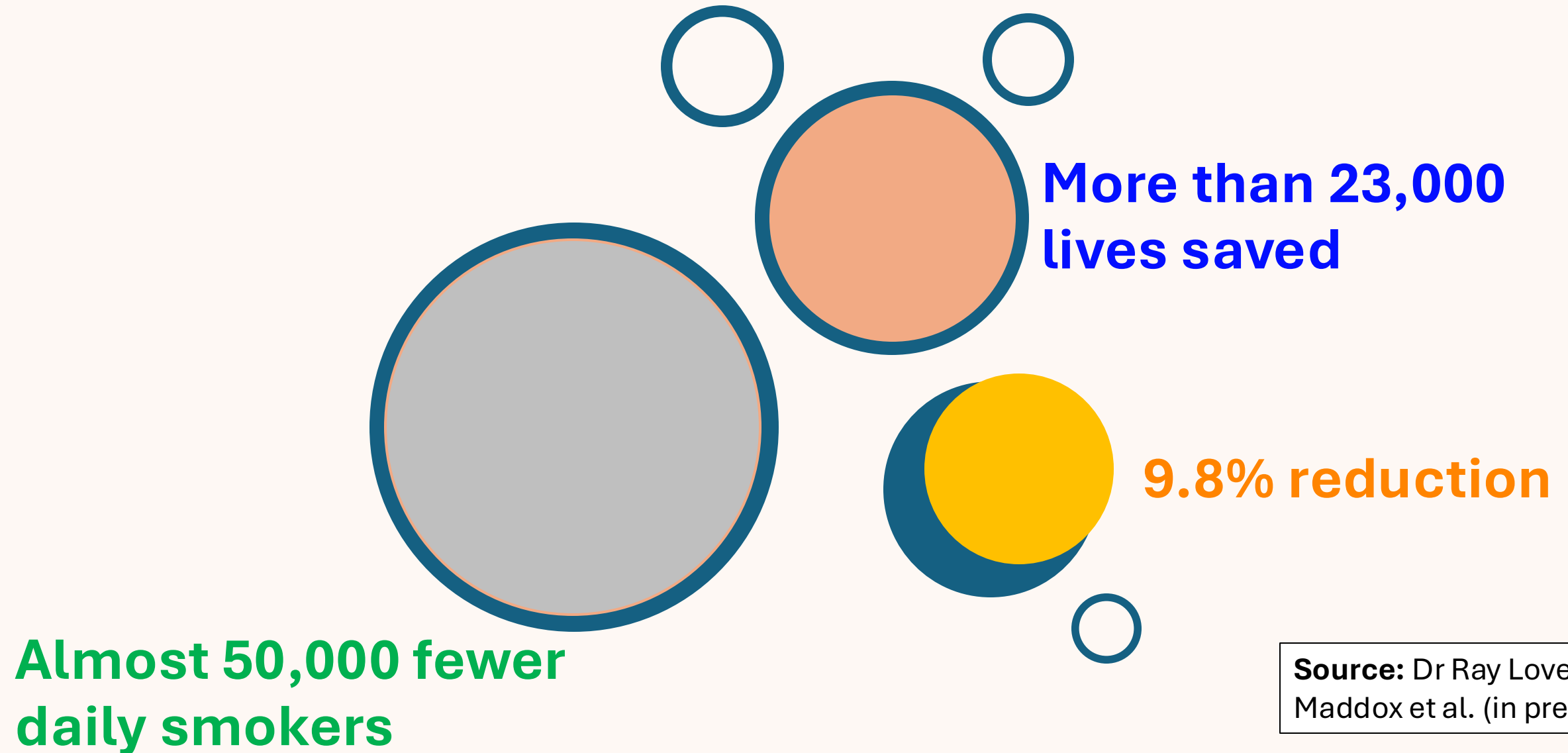
Visit your local Aboriginal Medical Service, Doctor (GP), Health Worker

Ask about affordable patches (Nicotine Replacement Therapy)

An initiative of the Aboriginal Tobacco Control Project



Why is TIS considered successful? From 2004 – 2018/19



Tobacco excise

- In 2025-26, the Australian government anticipates tobacco excise revenue of approximately **\$7.4 billion, a significant drop from previous years**. This decline *is attributed to reduced smoking rates and a growing black market for tobacco*. The government **projects a shortfall of \$6.9 billion over the next four years** compared to initial forecasts.
- **More excise money to be spent on prevention programs starting with TIS** and the **National Lung Cancer Screening program** from 1 July 2025.





Kilung Morunbul Jum. ("Death by Smoke"). Left Ear.

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