



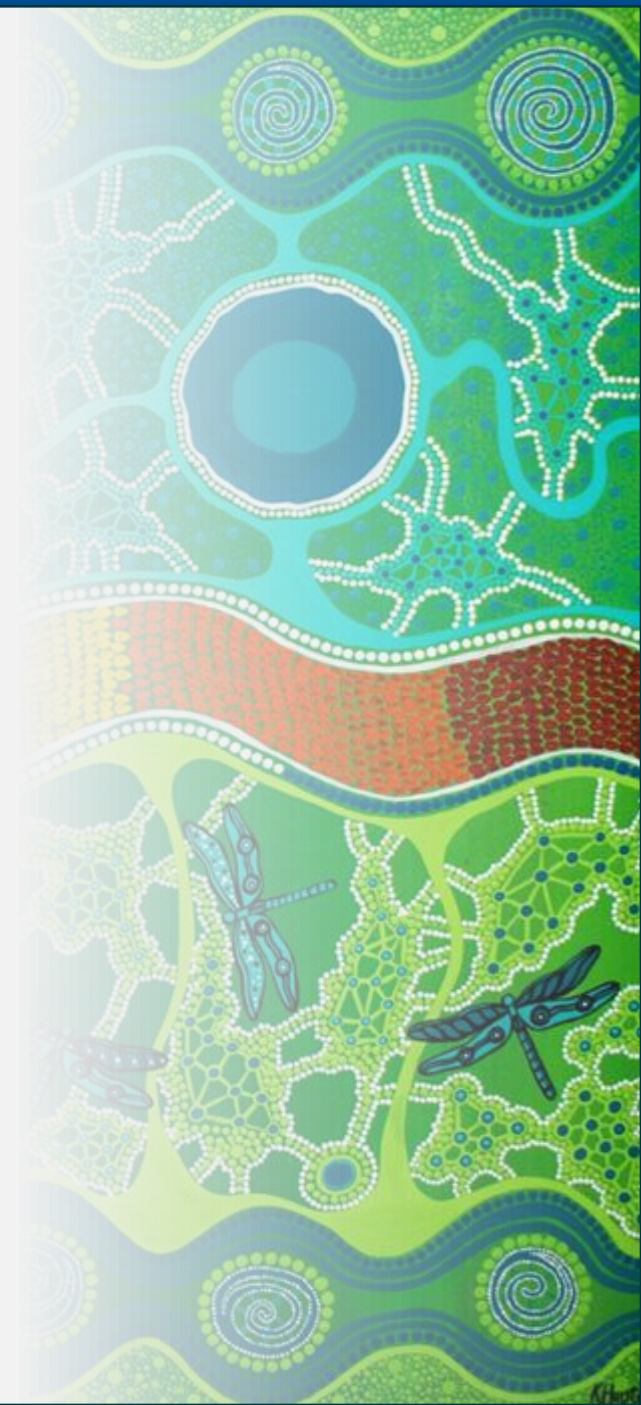
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# Department Update

## NATIONAL TIS CEOS WORKSHOP

Sydney 2 September 2025





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# Acknowledgement

The Department acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet. We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



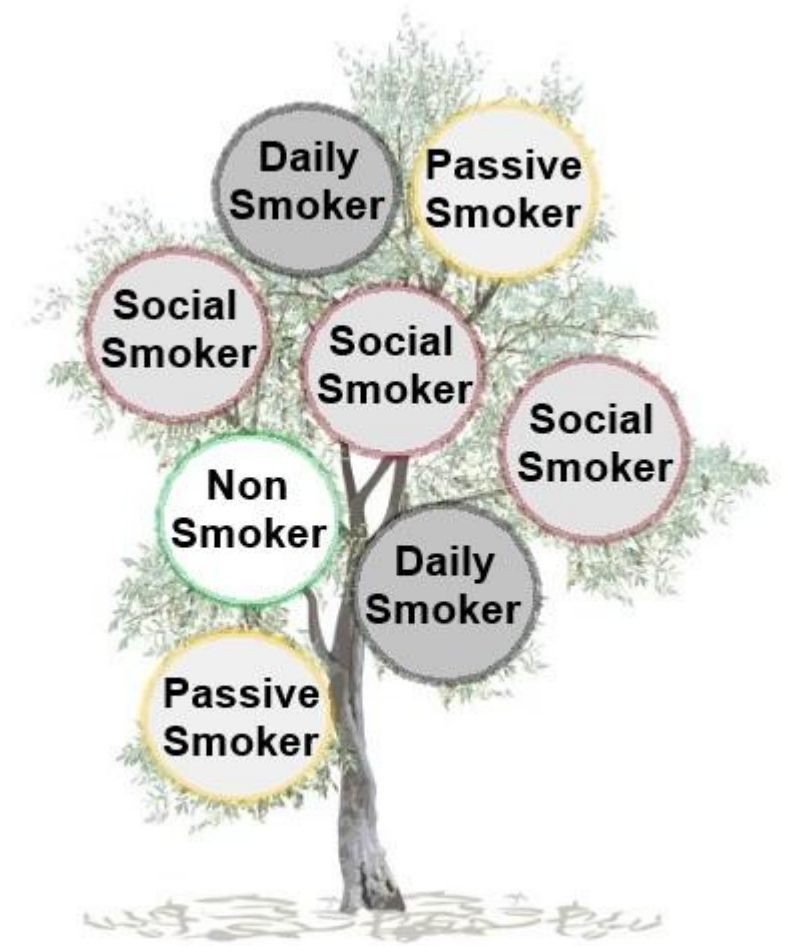




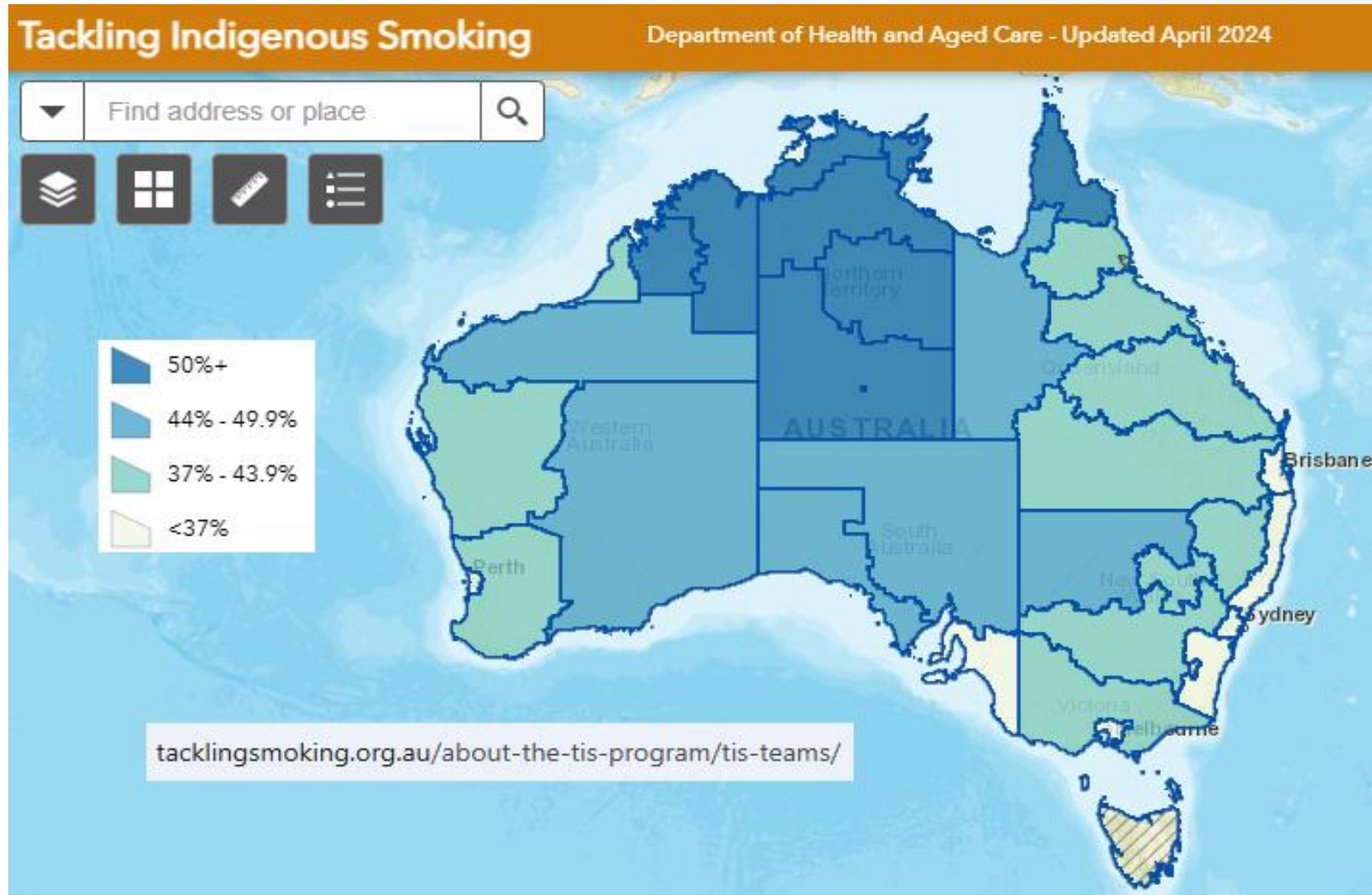
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# Introduction and Overview

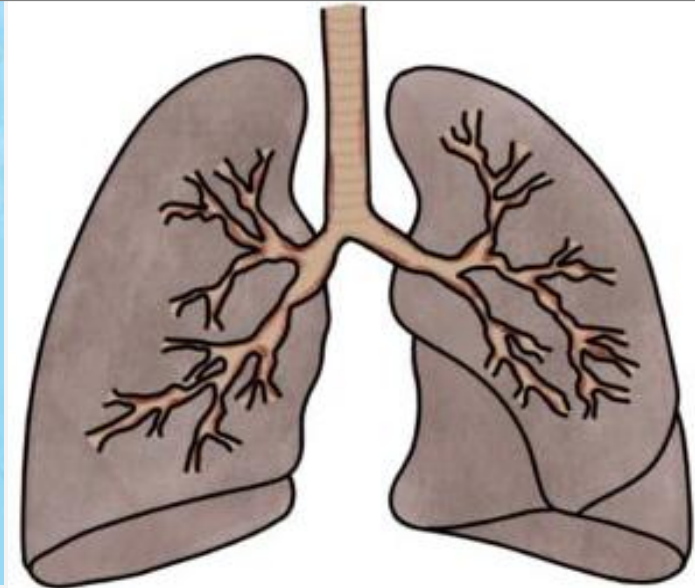


# Daily Smoking Rates 2018-19



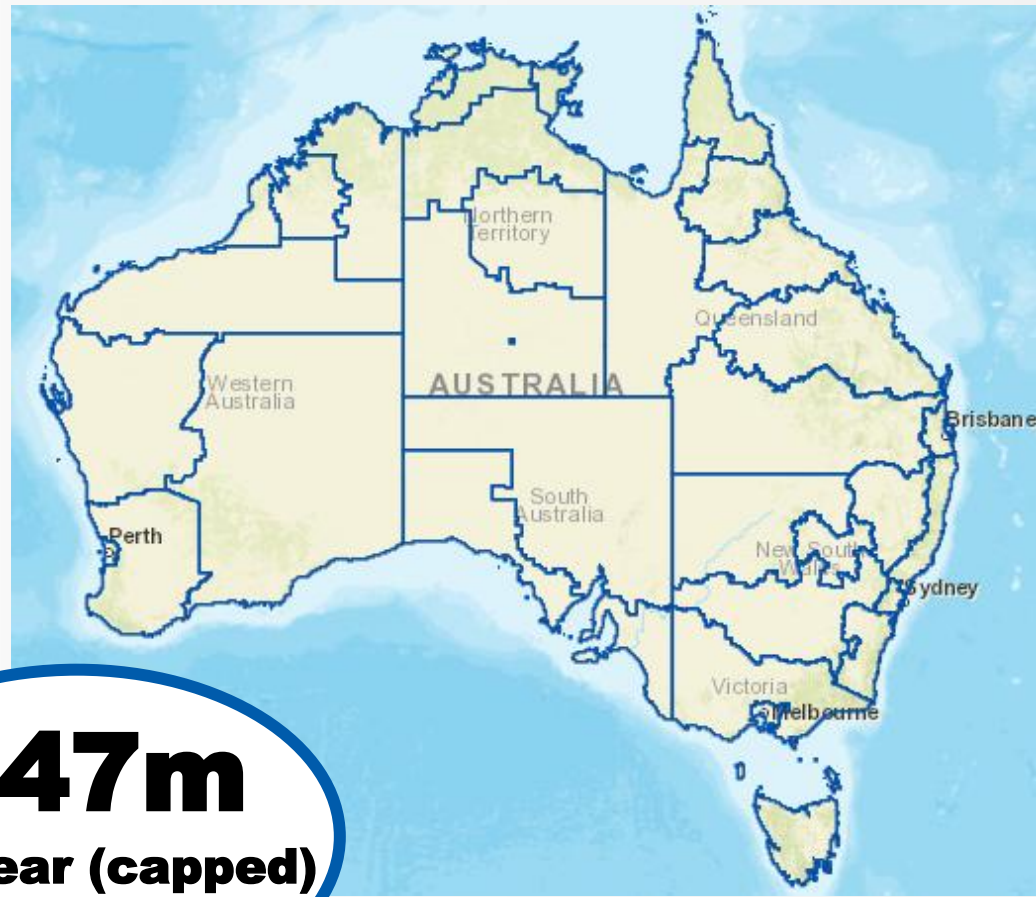
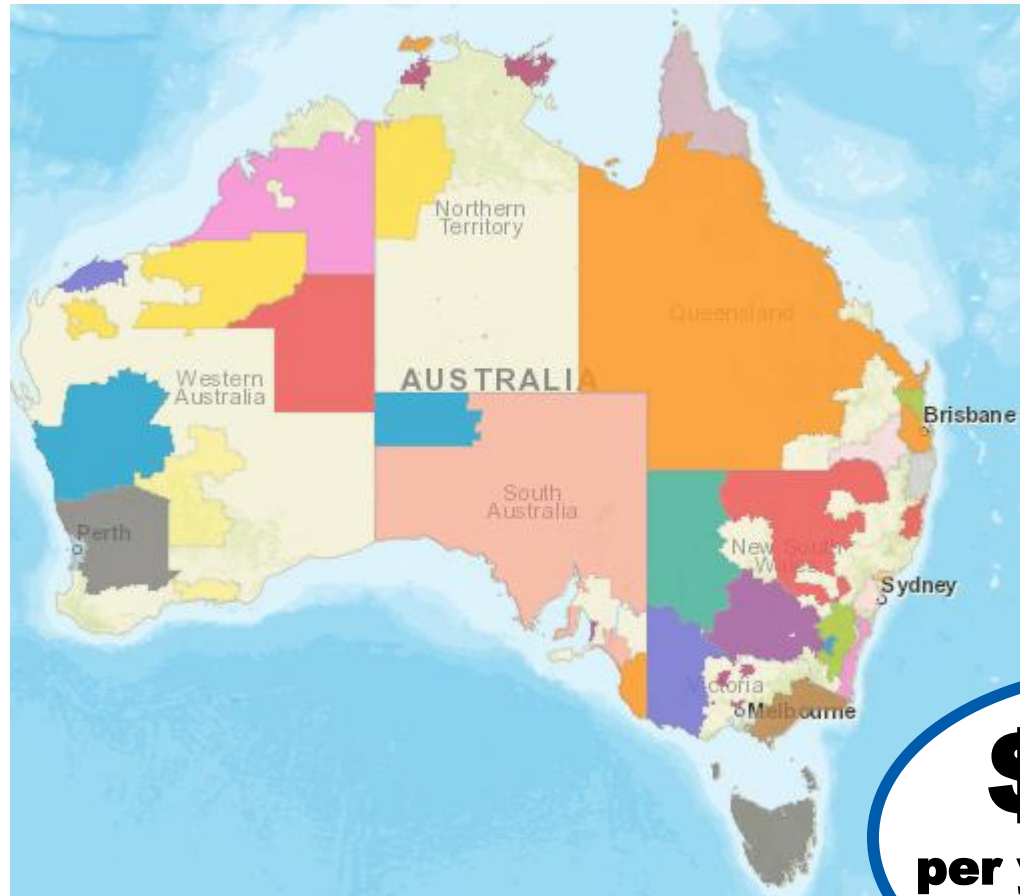
**37%**  
**Nationally**

**Improving 1% per year**





# Key Priorities for TIS 2023>



**\$47m**  
**per year (capped)**  
**(over 4 years)**



The *Tackling Indigenous Smoking Regional Tobacco Control Grants 2023-24 to 2025-26* Grant Opportunity Guidelines GO5803 released on GrantConnect on 18 November 2022, are now superseded by these Guidelines.

The key priorities of the TIS Program 2023-24 to 2026-27 are to:

- achieve national coverage through service delivery defined by IREG;
- maintain a focus on priority groups, including remote communities, youth, and pregnant women;
- strengthen the focus on population health activities; and
- maintaining efforts to reduce smoking rates among First Nations people to 27 percent or less by 2030 (National Preventive Health Strategy 2021-2030 target).







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# Budget 2023–24

**Tackling  
smoking and  
vaping, and  
improving  
cancer  
outcomes**

**Total value  
of package**

**\$737  
million**

**New TIS Total**

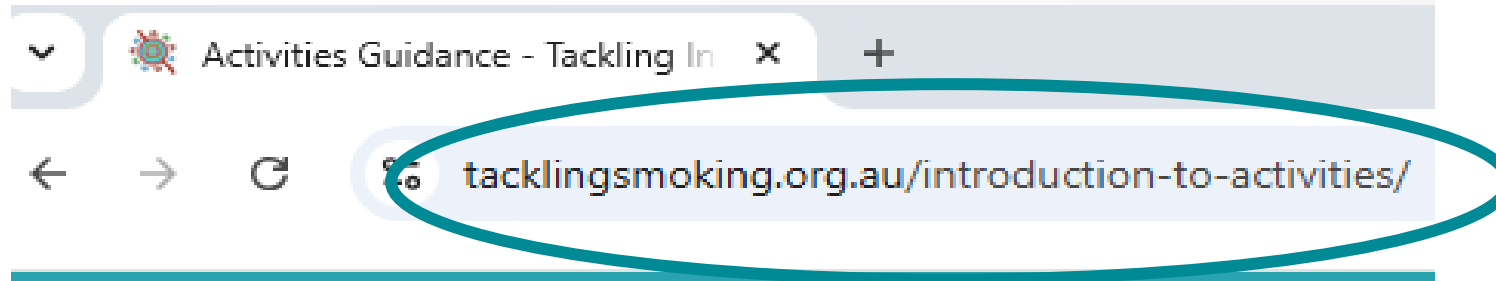
**\$57m**  
per year (indexed)  
(over 4 years)

**More TIS Funding**

**\$141.2m**

**Tackling Indigenous  
smoking  
(over 4 years)**

# TIS Guidelines



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Tackling Indigenous Smoking Regional Tobacco  
Control Grants (2023-24 to 2026-27)  
Grant Opportunity Guidelines  
GO6775

## Eligible and ineligible TIS activities

The table below outlines the eligible and ineligible grant activities for TIS teams as described in the *Tackling Indigenous Smoking Regional Tobacco Control Grants (2023-24 to 2026-27) Grant Opportunity Guidelines (GO6775)*. You can read the previous version of the guidelines here: *Indigenous Australians' Health Programme Tackling Indigenous Smoking Regional Tobacco Control Grants (2023-24 to 2025-26) Grant Opportunity Guidelines (GO5803)*. For examples of these activities and how to monitor and evaluate them please download [this factsheet](#).





### Eligible TIS activities

- ✓ **Community education and engagement** - training, social activities and events.
- ✓ **Smoke free policies** - workplaces, cars, homes, sporting and community events.
- ✓ **Mass media/social media campaigns** - TV, radio, print media, social media.
- ✓ **Promotional resources** - posters, pamphlets, smoke free signage.
- ✓ **Community events** - World No Tobacco Day, NAIDOC, fun runs.
- ✓ **Anti-vaping activities.**
- ✓ **Vaping prevention resources.**
- ✓ **Targeted vaping prevention messaging.**

### Ineligible TIS activities

- ✗ **Sporting team sponsorships.**
- ✗ **Nicotine replacement therapies (NRTs) or other smoking cessation products or services.**
- ✗ **Direct or indirect delivery of smoking cessation services.**
- ✗ **Activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility –**  
e.g. smoking cessation supports in correctional facilities.
- ✗ **Any activity that is not directly related to achieving the objectives of the TIS program.**



### 3. Grant amount and grant period

#### 3.1 Grants available

The Australian Government has made available a total of \$203.3 million (GST excl.) over four years for TIS Program 2023-24 to 2026-27 service delivery grants. The TIS Program 2023-24 to 2026-27 grant opportunity will run from 2023-24 to 2026-27 FY.

The available funding is targeted to IREGs to ensure TIS Program national coverage and address vaping alongside existing efforts to reduce smoking prevalence amongst First Nations people and communities.

The available annual and total grant funding amounts (excluding GST) to deliver the TIS Program 2023-24 to 2026-27 in each IREG is provided below in Table 1.

Table 1: Grant Opportunity Funding Available by Indigenous Region (IREG) (GST exclusive)

IREG ID	Indigenous Region (IREG)	Jurisdiction	2023-24 IREG funding allocation	2024-25 IREG funding allocation	2025-26 IREG funding allocation	2026-27 IREG funding allocation	Total IREG funding allocation
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### 5.3 Eligible expenditure

You can only expend grant funding on the eligible grant activities listed in item 5.1 (Eligible Activities) or other project activities agreed to by the department.

Eligible grant expenditure includes:

- staff wages and training (i.e., TIS Program workforce development and training in delivering preventive population health approaches);
- travel and accommodation costs related to TIS Program activities (e.g., outreach);
- administration costs related to TIS Program activities (i.e., Activity Work Planning and performance reporting, data collection, and national evaluation-related activities);
- administrative costs related to hosting TIS Program consortium and/or partnership arrangements (not exceeding 15 per cent of the total value of the grant);
- other reasonable operational expenses required to deliver the TIS Program; and
- commercial vehicle leasing company costs directly related to delivery of TIS Program activities.

You must expend grant funding on eligible grant activities in accordance with your approved Activity Work Plan (AWP) on an annual basis each financial year over the grant period.



## 5.4

### What the grant money cannot be used for

Ineligible grant activities include:

- wages, training, and travel costs for non-TIS Program staff;
- sporting team sponsorships;
- purchase of land;
- major capital expenditure including vehicle purchase, major construction, capital works and temporary buildings;
- retrospective costs of TIS Program activities;
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation;
- Nicotine Replacement Therapies (NRTs) or other smoking cessation products or services;
- direct or indirect delivery of smoking cessation services;
- international travel;
- activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory, or local government bodies have primary responsibility, including smoking cessation supports in correctional settings; and
- activities not directly related to achieving the objectives of the TIS Program.





# DEMONSTRATING

## 12.2 Reporting

You must submit reports for each IREG as per the reporting requirements outlined in the grant agreement. We will provide you with templates which may be offline, online or both during the grant period for these reports, along with clear guidance about which templates to use when.

We will expect you to report on:

- planned activities to be delivered by you and/or your formal partner/s in each financial year across the IREG for which you are applying;
- progress against agreed grant activity milestones and outcomes;

## CIRCA's Wave 1 Evaluation Report

*Now available on the TIS website*

# PERFORMANCE

## 8. TIS performance indicators

Based on the previous evaluation and the program's current objectives, CIRCA proposes the following performance indicators be systematically tracked by TIS teams:

1. Eligible, evidence-based population health promotion activities are being implemented, monitored and improved upon (if necessary).
2. Activities are reaching intended audiences.
3. Eligible TIS activities and messaging are co-designed with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to ensure they are culturally safe for the local community.
4. Formal and informal partnerships are engaged and facilitate support for eligible TIS activities.
5. Intended audiences have increased awareness about how to access quit support.
6. Intended audiences have increased intentions to remain smoke-free, quit and/or stay quit.
7. Intended audiences have increased intentions to make and/or keep environments smoke-free.
8. Intended audiences have increased intentions to remain vape-free, quit and/or stay quit.
9. Intended audiences have increased intentions to make and/or keep environments aerosol free.

# Daily Smoking Rates 2022-23



**29%**  
**Nationally**

Improving **2%** per year

**2030 Target**  
**27% or Less**



Figure 1: Smoking status, First Nations people aged 14 and over, 2010 to 2022-2023

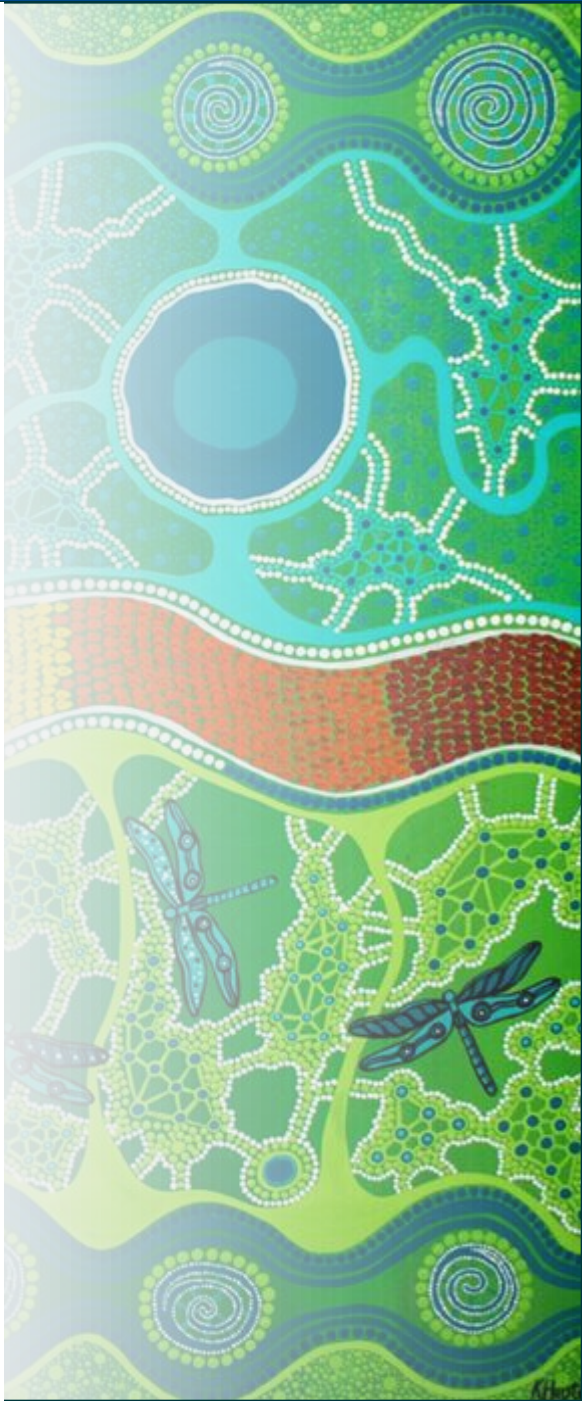
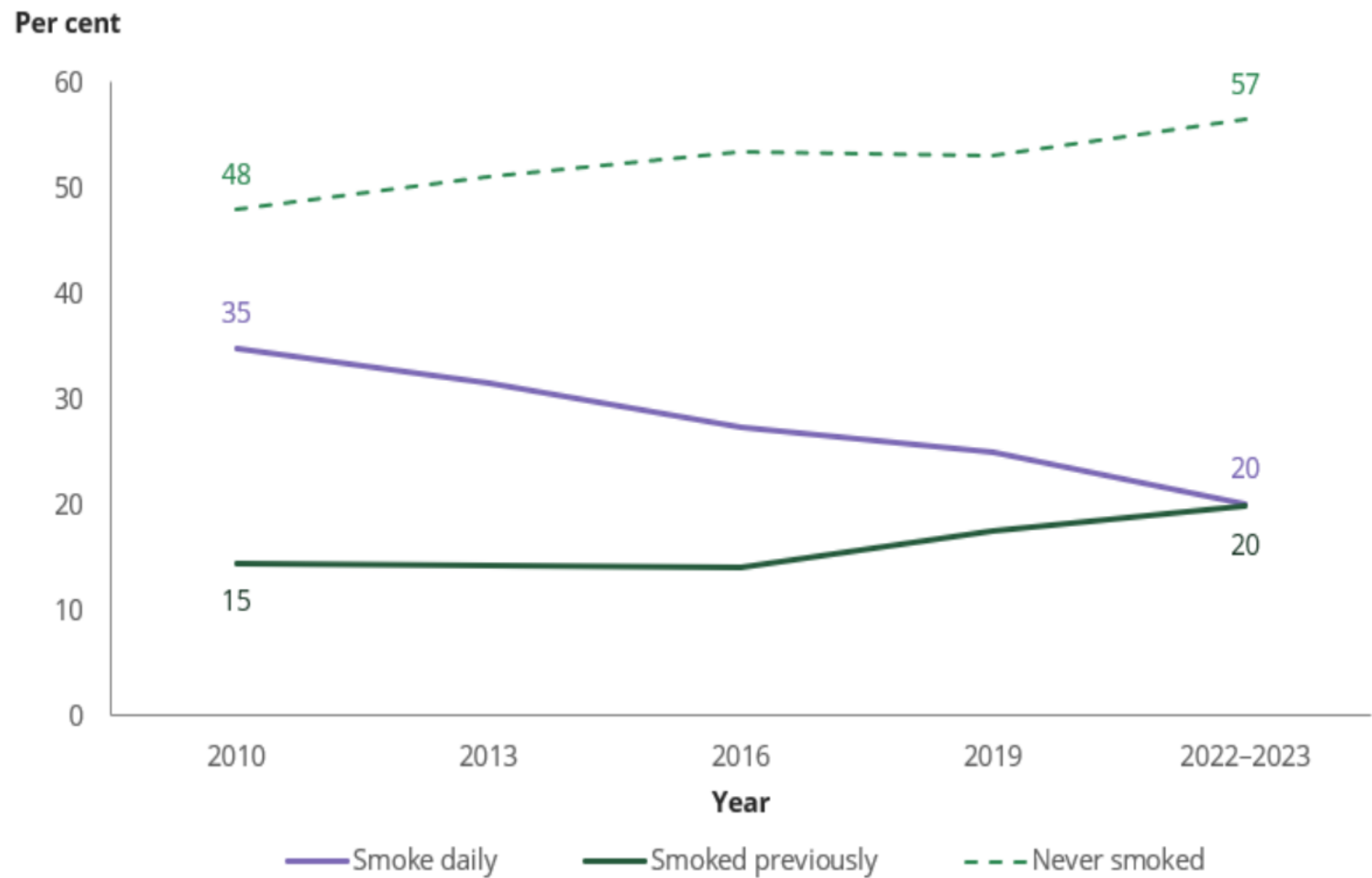
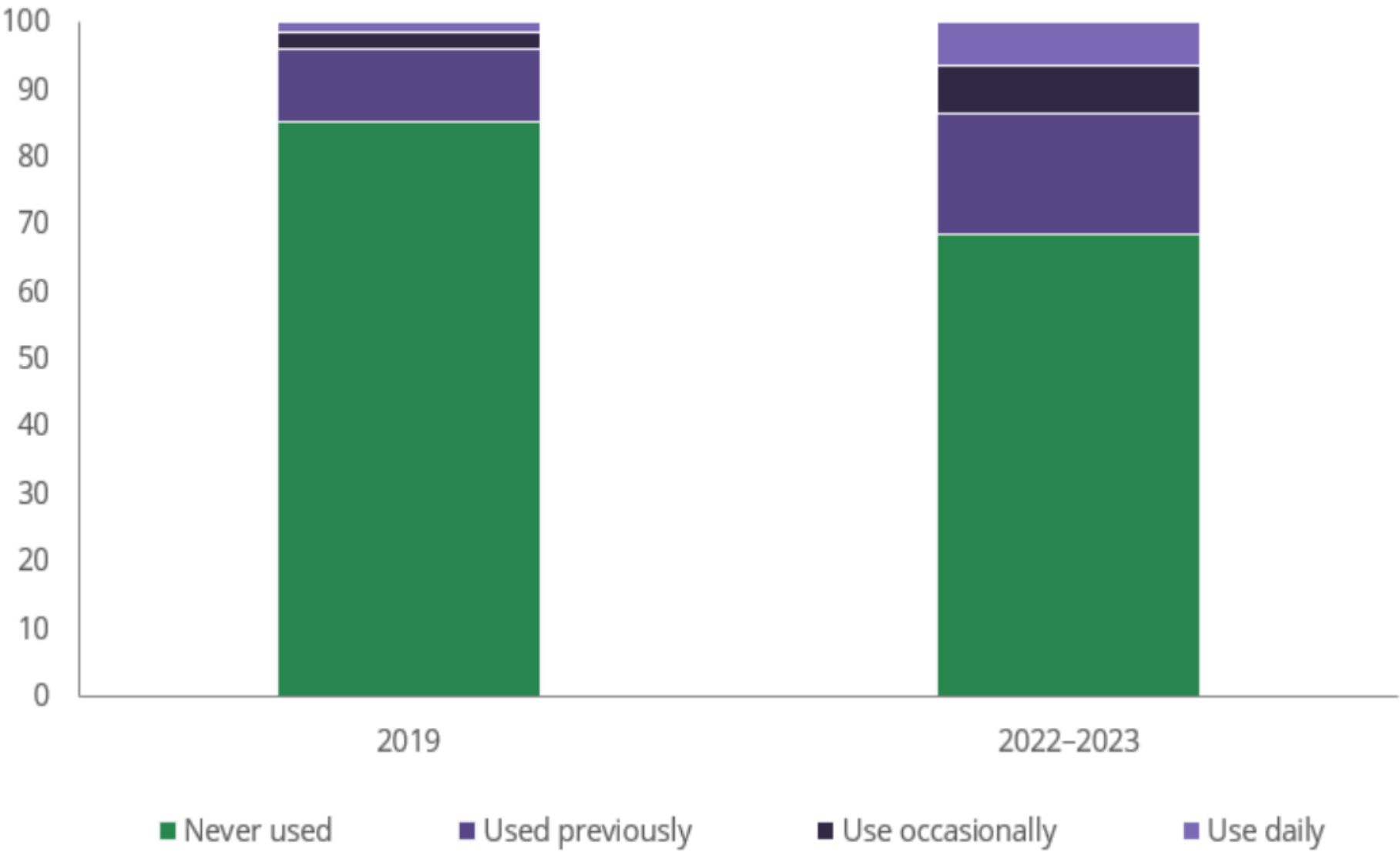


Figure 2: Frequency of e-cigarette use, First Nations people aged 14 and over, 2019 and 2022-2023

Per cent





more

# Changes from 1 July 2025

Tobacco products will:



## Taste and feel different

Some things that mask the harshness of tobacco will be banned, including some ingredients, flavours (including menthol, rum and clove), and accessories.



## Have different names

Words like 'smooth' and names like 'gold' that can falsely suggest some products are less harmful will be removed.



## Be consistent in size

Each cigarette pack will have 20 sticks. Roll-your-own pouches will have 30 grams of tobacco.



## Be the same shape

Each cigarette stick will be the same length and width, and special filters will be banned.



## Have new health information

There will be new health warnings and information cards to help people quit.

How can we leverage this opportunity to reduce smoking and vaping prevalence?

# Thank you



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