



Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association
<https://aida.org.au/>



Australian Indigenous Psychologists' Association
<https://indigenouspsychology.com.au/>



Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives
<https://catsinam.org.au/>



First Nations Eye Health Alliance
<https://fneha.com.au/#>



First Peoples Disability Network
<https://fpdn.org.au/>



Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Australia
<https://www.gayaadhuwi.org.au/>



The Healing Foundation
<https://healingfoundation.org.au/>



Indigenous Allied Health Australia
<https://iaha.com.au/>



Indigenous Dental Association Australia
<https://idaa.com.au/>



The Lowitja Institute
<https://www.lowitja.org.au/>



National Association Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners
<https://www.naatsihwp.org.au/>



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing and Aged Care Council
<https://natsiaacc.org.au/>

National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Physiotherapists



Thirrili Suicide Postvention Service
<https://thirrili.com.au/>



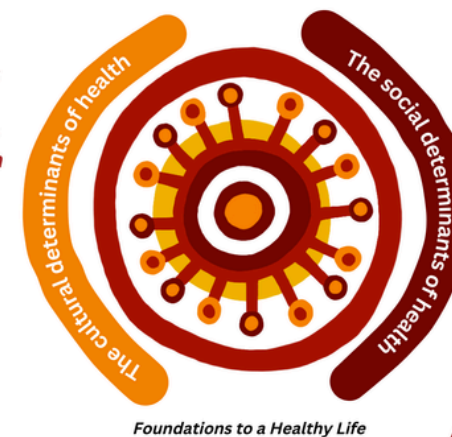
Torres Strait Regional Authority
<https://www.tsra.gov.au/>

WHO ARE WE?

NIHLA, formerly the National Health Leadership Forum, is a partnership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing organisations committed to dismantling systemic barriers within Australia's mainstream health system. NIHLA was established in response to the 2005 Social Justice Report and has evolved as a leading voice advocating for equitable health and wellbeing outcomes through Indigenous-led strategies.

Our work aligns with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan, and the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The Alliance drives strategic reforms, including the integration of cultural determinants of health and accountability mechanisms, ensuring Indigenous voices lead the decisions affecting their health and wellbeing. We hold expertise across health, aged care and disability policy and service delivery, as well as workforce, research, organisational and business development, healing, mental health, and social, cultural, and emotional wellbeing.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health is viewed in a holistic context that recognises not only physical health and wellbeing but also the social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of individuals, families and communities throughout the entire life course (2021-2031 Health Plan).



OUR OBJECTIVES'

- Eliminate Racism within health and aged care systems (to improve health and wellbeing outcomes).
- Assert systemic and structural reforms through the implementation of the Priority Reforms that underpinned the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
- Assert self-determination and Indigenous peoples right to be actively involved in developing and determining health, housing and other economic and social programs affecting them.
- Assert support for and investment in community-led solutions.
- Lead collective decision-making in national health policy
- Assert investment and prioritisation in the determinants of health (socioeconomic, cultural, and environmental conditions that impact on health and wellbeing).
- Ensure that Indigenous peoples' free, prior, and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measure that affect them (UNDRIP Article 19).

OUR PURPOSE



To drive systemic and structural transformation of mainstream health systems.



Empower Indigenous communities to exercise their right to self-determination (UNDRIP Article 3), enabling them to lead and make informed decisions about their bodies, their health and the healthcare systems that serve them.



Build and strengthen partnerships with governments, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders to collaboratively address health disparities and improve health outcomes for Indigenous peoples.



Support the self-determination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations.



Advocate for the recognition and protection of the health rights of Indigenous peoples as outlined in the UNDRIP and CRPD, ensuring access to culturally appropriate, inclusive and equitable healthcare services.



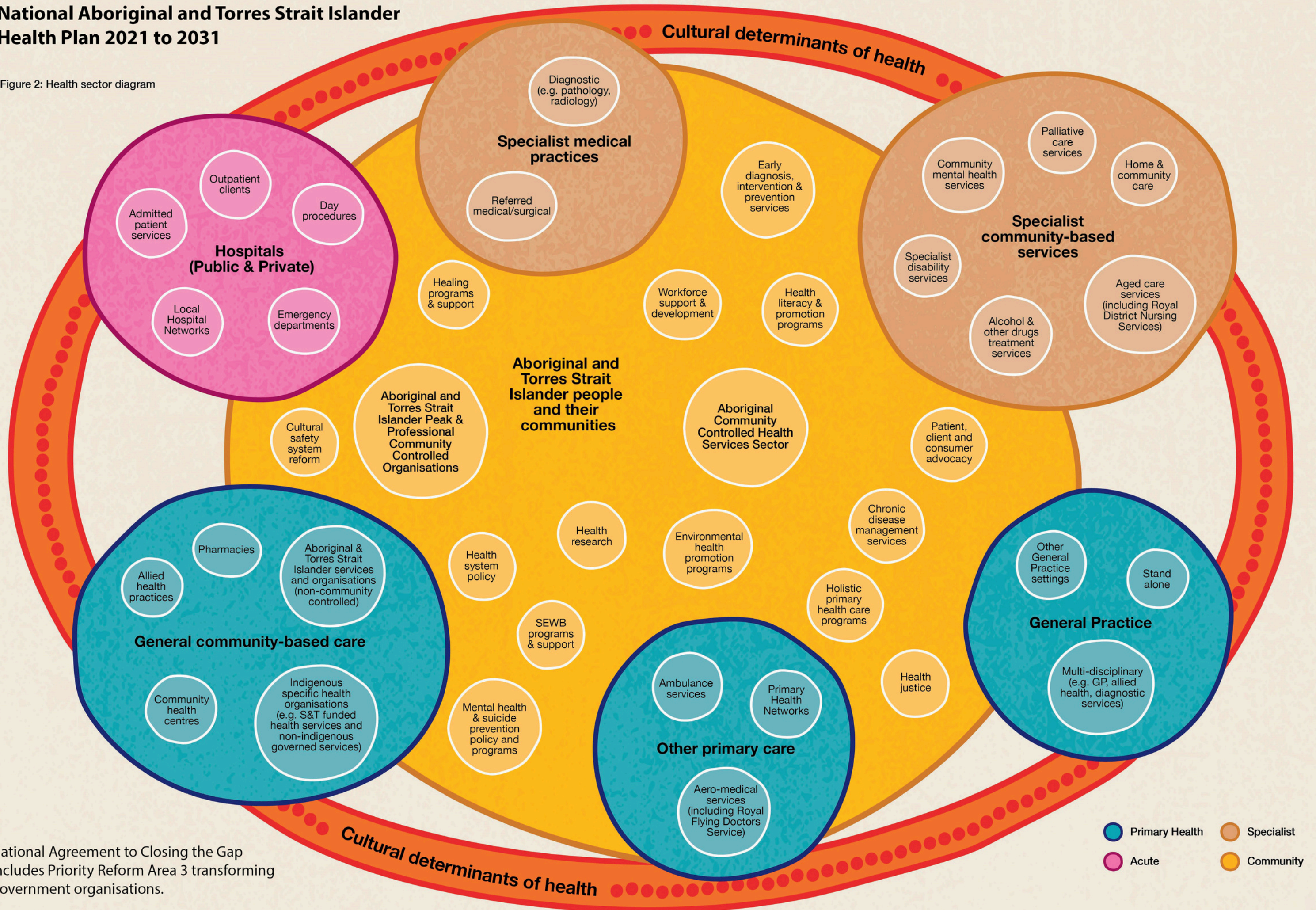
Advance the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples in Australia, guided by the principles and priorities of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and other relevant human rights frameworks such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

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National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021 to 2031

Figure 2: Health sector diagram



National Agreement to Closing the Gap includes Priority Reform Area 3 transforming government organisations.