

## Statement of Intent to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing - Joint position statement

This statement of intent is between Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA), and its Member and Friend Organisations. Dietitians Australia is a signing organisation.

The intent is to work together to achieve equality in health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians by the year 2030.

Signing organisations have agreed that in order to positively contribute to closing the gap, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have the right to access allied health services that are available, affordable, acceptable and appropriate. Services should be offered by professionals who are both culturally responsive and clinically competent.

Signing organisations are committed to building and strengthening the allied health workforce to meet the complex healthcare needs. This includes increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the allied health workforce and strengthening the cultural responsiveness of all allied health students and graduates.

For more, download the full statement of intent.

## Get in touch

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