



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group

Communique – November 2024

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group (Strategy Group) is Co-chaired by Karl Briscoe, CEO of the National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners (NAATSIHWP) and Associate Professor Dr Carmen Parter, Ahpra Board member.

The Strategy Group members held a joint meeting with the Ahpra Board on the 12 November 2024 as per the Terms of Reference with the Strategy Group meeting held on the 13 November 2024. Both meetings were held face to face in Brisbane, Queensland.

This was the second meeting for 2024.

Members discussed:

1. Progress against the key priorities of the [National Scheme's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy 2020-2025 \(the Strategy\)](#).
2. Governance of the Strategy program of work
3. Developing the next iteration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy
4. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anti-Racism Policy
5. Update of the Cultural Safety Accreditation and Continuing Professional Development (CS ACPD) Upskilling Framework and Strategy
6. Update of the Culturally Safe Notifications Project including the:
 - development of the community and practitioner video collateral; and
 - external ANU cultural safety evaluation research progress.
7. Other business: terminology of Traditional Owners vs Traditional Custodians.

Next meeting

July 2025 (Tentative and date TBC)

Attendees

- Karl Briscoe, NAATSIHWP (Co-chair)
- Associate Professor Dr Carmen Parter, Ahpra Board member (Co-chair)
- Linda Renouf, Paramedicine Board of Australia
- A/Prof Lisa Whop, Community Reference Group

- Dr Ali Drummond, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)
- Marilyn Morgan, Partner, Langston and Associates Consulting
- Tanya McGregor, Ahpra Board Member and CEO, Aboriginal Health Council South Australia (AHCSA)
- Belinda 'Bel' Gibbs, Director, Indigenous Policy and Programs, Australian Medical Council
- Martin Fletcher, CEO, Ahpra
- Chris Robertson, Executive Director, Strategy and Policy, Ahpra
- Kym Ayscough, Executive Director, Regulatory Operations, Ahpra
- Mark Edwards, Executive Director, People and Culture, Ahpra
- Jayde Fuller, National Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Ahpra
- Olli Wynyard Gonfond, National Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Cultural Programs, People and Culture, Ahpra
- Melissa Browning, Program Manager Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Unit, Ahpra

Apologies

- Rachel Phillips, Chair Psychology Board of Australia, Chair of Forum of National Chairs

Presentations

Nil