What is in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap?

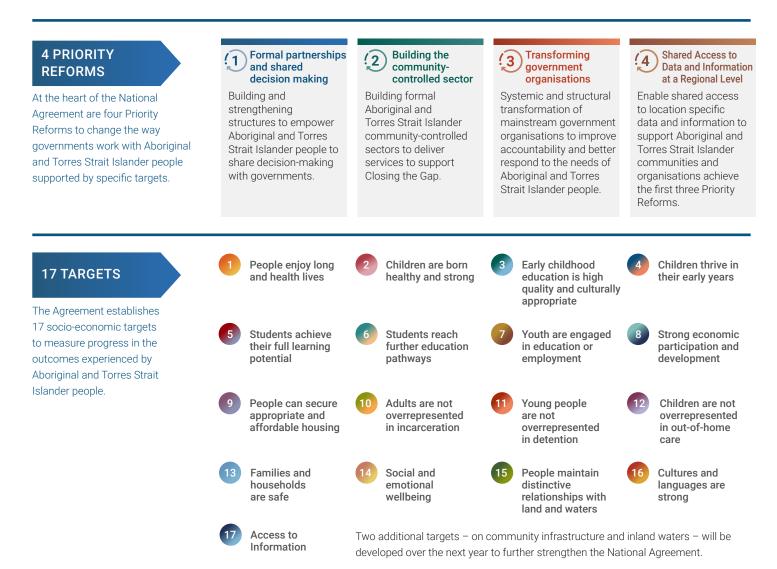
The National Agreement on Closing the Gap belongs to all Australians. All Australian governments and the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations have signed up to the Agreement.

This is the first time governments have developed and negotiated a National Agreement in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

TRUE PARTNERSHIP

The National Agreement on Closing the Gap is a demonstration of true partnership. The Agreement was developed in partnership with the Coalition of Peaks, and will be implemented in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations.

All Australian governments – the Commonwealth, states and territories, and the Australian Local Government Association – have committed to the actions under the National Agreement, as have the Coalition of Peaks. The parties will be publically accountable to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all Australians.



ACCOUNTABILITY AND MONITORING

Under the National Agreement, governments are more accountable for their actions towards Closing the Gap than in the past. All parties have developed Implementation Plans that set out how they will meet their commitments under the National Agreement, and all parties are required to report annually on their progress against these plans.

The Productivity Commission has published a dashboard for Australians to access up-to-date data on Closing the Gap targets and outcomes.

The Productivity Commission will also undertake an independent three-yearly review on progress towards Closing the Gap.

This will be complemented by an independent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led three-yearly review to capture the lived experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

LIVING DOCUMENT

The National Agreement is a living document and will be revised over its life as we progress towards Closing the Gap.