

OVERARCHING BILATERAL INDIGENOUS PLAN
BETWEEN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES
TO CLOSE THE GAP IN ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DISADVANTAGE

2010 - 2015

A New Partnership to Close the Gap in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Disadvantage

Preliminaries

1. The Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of New South Wales (the Governments) are committed to Closing the Gap in disadvantage between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in New South Wales.
2. In 2005, the first Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs was signed by the Commonwealth of Australia and New South Wales. This first bilateral agreement came out of the June 2004 Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) commitment to improve services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. This new Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan includes components of and builds on that first Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs.
3. In December 2007, COAG agreed to a new partnership between all levels of government to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to achieve the target of Closing the Gap in Indigenous Disadvantage. Accordingly, the Governments have agreed to replace the Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs with a new Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan to provide a platform for implementing this new partnership in New South Wales.
4. Since December 2007, the Commonwealth and NSW Government have agreed to the National Indigenous Reform Agreement and a number of National Partnership Agreements focused on addressing disparity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in NSW.
5. The Governments acknowledge that Indigenous specific National Partnership Agreements will be implemented within the framework of this Agreement as set out in **Schedule A** and where National Partnership Agreements have particular relevance to the Closing the Gap targets, they will also be incorporated within this Plan as set out in Schedule A.
6. The seven Building Blocks and their alignment with the National Partnership Agreements, National Agreements and other key initiatives are shown at Schedule A.
7. The parties agree that future COAG and other relevant activity should be incorporated into this agreement where appropriate.

COAG Targets and Building Blocks

8. The new partnership agreed to by COAG in 2007 included setting six ambitious targets:
 - Close the life expectancy gap within a generation;
 - Halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five within a decade;

- Ensure all four year olds in remote communities have access to early childhood education within five years;
 - Halve the gap in reading, writing and numeracy achievements within a decade;
 - Halve the gap for Indigenous young people in Year 12 attainment or equivalent attainment rates by 2020; and
 - Halve the gap in employment outcomes within a decade.
9. The Governments agree to address these identified drivers of disadvantage in an integrated way with communities. This may include through local and regional agreements.
10. COAG recognises that overcoming Indigenous disadvantage will require a long term, generational commitment that sees major effort directed across a range of strategic platforms or ‘Building Blocks’. The Building Blocks endorsed by COAG underpin reforms developed to achieve the six specific targets aimed at Closing the Gap. The Building Blocks are:
- Early Childhood;
 - Schooling;
 - Health;
 - Economic Participation;
 - Healthy Homes;
 - Safe Communities; and
 - Governance and Leadership.

Objective

11. The objective of this Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan is to provide the framework for cooperation between the Commonwealth and NSW Governments to work together to achieve the commitments and objectives made under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA), including through:
- Progressing implementation of the National Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy for Indigenous Australians by detailing actions to be taken for each key action area;
 - Clearly articulating activities that the Commonwealth and New South Wales will undertake to improve data associated with measuring progress in Closing the Gap;
 - Outlining partnership arrangements for engagement between governments and Indigenous people; and
 - Establishing bilateral governance, oversight and consultation mechanisms.

Principles Underpinning Bilateral Plans

12. In making this Plan the Governments have regard to the Service Delivery Principles for Programs and Services for Indigenous Australians (Schedule D to the National Indigenous Reform Agreement) that have been agreed by COAG and form part of the National Indigenous Reform Agreement.
13. In addition to the overarching COAG Service Delivery Principles, parties will also follow the National Investment Principles in Remote Locations and the Principles Taken into Account in Deciding Sequencing (Schedules A and B respectively to the Remote Service Delivery NP).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Context in New South Wales

14. New South Wales has the largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, with 29 per cent of the Aboriginal Estimated Residential Population of Australia living in the state according to the 2006 census. This represents 2.2 of the NSW population. 95 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW live in major cities or regional areas, with 53 per cent in Sydney, Newcastle or Wollongong.
15. Between 2006 and 2021 the Aboriginal population of NSW is projected to increase by 37 per cent to 208,341 persons and the proportion of the population who are Aboriginal is expected to increase from 2.2 per cent to 2.6 per cent. Demographic trends indicate that there will be more Aboriginal people living in regional towns, as they move in from rural and very remote areas to access employment and others services in these areas.
16. NSW Aboriginal communities are geographically diverse, ranging from urban to rural and remote, and culturally diverse with over 20 languages spoken in NSW communities. Aboriginal people in NSW are linked by strong cultural ties and a proud history of rights activism, with the first democratically elected state wide Aboriginal Land Council in Australia and commencement of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* which recognised the value of land to Aboriginal people and their connections to it.
17. In October 2010 the NSW Government amended the New South Wales *Constitution Act 1902* to acknowledge and honour the Aboriginal people as the State's first people and nations, and recognise that Aboriginal people, as the traditional custodians and occupants of the land in New South Wales, have a spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters, and have made and continue to make a unique and lasting contribution to the identity of the State
18. The recent *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2009 Report* showed that NSW has a better life expectancy rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women compared to the national average and our Year 3 and 5 students are above the national average for reading, writing and numeracy outcomes. However, there is still significant and unacceptable disadvantage facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW.
19. The COAG Reform Council Report, *National Indigenous Reform Agreement: Baseline performance report for 2008–09* sets out the available data on gaps between Indigenous

and non-Indigenous Australians and presents a baseline against which Indigenous reforms will be measured.

20. The Governments acknowledge that the size and complexity of the task required to Close the Gap in disadvantage between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people requires concerted and sustained effort.
21. In making this Plan, the Governments acknowledge the need to align and build on existing initiatives that aim to create a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in New South Wales, including:
 - NSW State Plan;
 - *Two Ways Together* – the NSW Government 10 year Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs plan including the *Two Ways Together Partnership Program*; and
 - Any future strategies aimed at closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

Priority Areas for Bilateral Action

22. The Governments agree that special focus will be directed towards the following areas for action:
 - Urban and Regional Service Delivery – providing more effective and integrated service delivery with a focus on place based work, adopting local solutions to local problems; and
 - Economic Participation – developing opportunities for education, skills and employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy

23. When implementing activities under this Plan, regard will be given to the Closing the Gap: National Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy for Indigenous Australians. This is in recognition of the fact that approximately 95 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians residing in New South Wales live in urban and regional locations.
24. The Strategy acknowledges that in order to achieve the Closing the Gap targets, changes are required across a number of areas as part of a comprehensive effort to address Indigenous disadvantage in urban and regional locations.
25. Governments acknowledge this holistic approach will apply to the development of plans and new policies and proposals that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW.
26. The Governments agree to implement specific measures under the Closing the Gap: National Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy for Indigenous Australians, consistent with relevant COAG agreements and decisions. When developed, these measures will be set out in a Schedule attached to this Plan. The Schedule will also set out governance arrangements for the implementation of the National Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy in NSW.

27. In December 2009, a combined report for all jurisdictions was submitted to COAG on the progress of the National Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy. The Governments agree to contribute to future reporting as determined by COAG, and to review the effectiveness of the Urban and Regional Strategy after three years and within the broader OBIP review mechanisms.

Economic Participation

28. Governments recognise the importance of education to improving the economic participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and agree to work collaboratively to implement the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan 2010-2014*.
29. The Australian Government agrees to consider the development of strategies for joint economic development that will foster economic participation and job opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NSW, including opportunities to work on Country, complementing the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy.

Agreed Data Quality Improvements

30. The Governments agree to implement specific measures under the *Agreed Data Quality Improvements (Schedule F of the NIRA)*. When developed, these measures will be set out in a Schedule attached to this Plan. A schedule will be negotiated between the Commonwealth and State Governments within six months of this Plan being agreed.

Arrangements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consultation and representation

31. The Governments acknowledge that any efforts on our part to close the gap must be in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities while creating appropriate and responsive solutions to meet the needs of different communities. Governance and leadership by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will be promoted and encouraged in order to maximise the benefits of efforts made to build strong and sustainable communities.
32. The Governments will work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to determine arrangements for Indigenous consultations and representation at the local, regional, State and National level.
33. Engagement with the Aboriginal Communities at the local and regional level will:
- Be inclusive – that is, it will include all relevant stakeholders such as Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Elders groups, Peak Bodies, local government, service providers and any other key community stakeholders;
 - Build on existing mechanisms – including:
 - through the *Two Ways Together* Framework, particularly the Partnership Community Program and the NSW Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy;

- agreeing that the first method of consultation within Partnership Communities will be through Community Working Parties where they exist, and in other cases, with the Partnership Community Project Officer; and
 - in remote service delivery communities, agree that engagement with communities will be as outlined in the Remote Service Delivery National Partnership Agreement.
34. The NSW Government recognises that the Closing the Gap targets, through the Partnership Community Program, should address fundamental physical requirements for community wellbeing and agree to work together on other aspects of community wellbeing including strengthening and validating cultural identity, promoting a strong sense of community and encouraging leadership, empowerment and influence.
35. The Governments also agree to work together to identify appropriate mechanisms for engagement in non Partnership Communities.
36. Arrangements at the State level will include:
- The *Two Ways Together* Coordinating Committee;
 - Regional Engagement Groups;
 - Aboriginal Peak organisations, including:
 - NSW Aboriginal Land Council;
 - Aboriginal Housing Office;
 - Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council;
 - NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated;
 - Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat;
 - Link-Up; and
 - NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service;
37. At the national level, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP) will be the peak body for advice to the Australian Government on issues of national significance.

Governance

38. The Governments will ensure effective implementation and evaluation of measurable outcomes under the Plan.
39. This will include:
- joint Ministerial oversight through an annual reporting process, and meetings between the Commonwealth Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs if appropriate;
 - an Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan Oversight Group with membership comprising senior officers from Aboriginal Affairs NSW; the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet; NSW Treasury; and the Commonwealth Departments of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous

Affairs; Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities; and Health and Ageing. The Terms of Reference for the Oversight Group are at Schedule B;

- establishing or strengthening joint coordination arrangements, such as those outlined in the various National Partnerships; and
 - where possible aligning reporting obligations relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
40. The Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan Oversight Group will meet at least once per year to analyse progress of reforms under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement and to identify and escalate issues that are blockages to reform through appropriate governance mechanisms identified in the relevant National Partnership Agreement.
41. The Oversight Group will be chaired, on a rotating basis every twelve months, by the NSW State Manager of the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Chief Executive Officer of Aboriginal Affairs NSW. Secretariat functions will rotate with chairing responsibilities.
42. To monitor progress, the Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan Oversight Group will not impose additional reporting obligations but will draw on available reports. For example, it will draw on reports prepared as part of previously agreed Implementation Plan and COAG Reform Council reporting and NSW *Two Ways Together Report on Indicators*.
43. To best align with already established reporting timeframes, Oversight Group meetings will be scheduled, where possible, in April and/or October each year throughout the life of this Agreement.

Term of Plan

44. The term of this Plan will be for five years with an option to renew. It will be jointly reviewed after five years and can be amended by agreement in writing between the Governments.
45. Parties agree that if Implementation Plans under the National Partnership Agreements are jointly amended then they will be taken as amended for the purposes of this Plan.

SCHEDULE A: COMMONWEALTH AND NSW GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

INCLUDES NATIONAL AGREEMENTS, NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS, STRATEGIES AND FRAMEWORKS

Early Childhood

- National Agreements, National Partnership Agreements and Strategies
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development (Element 1)
 - : Investing in the Early Years – a National Early Childhood Development Strategy
 - : National Partnership Agreement on TAFE Fee Waivers for Childcare Qualifications
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education
- New South Wales initiatives
 - : Keep Them Safe
 - : Preschool Investment and Reform Plan
 - : Supporting Children with Additional Needs
 - : Best Start Kindergarten Assessment Program
 - : Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy
 - : Families NSW (which includes Supporting Families Early, Safe Start, Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, Supported Playgroups, Schools as Community Centres and Parentline)
- Commonwealth Initiatives
 - : Indigenous Parenting Support Program (IPSP)
 - : Indigenous mothers' accommodation fund

Schooling

- National Agreements, National Partnership Agreements and Strategies
 - : National Education Agreement
 - : Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan 2010-2014
 - : Smarter Schools National Partnerships including:
 1. National Partnership Agreement on Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities
 2. National Partnership Agreement on Literacy and Numeracy
 3. National Partnership Agreement on Improving Teacher Quality
 4. National Partnership Agreement on Youth Attainment and Transition (15-24 Year Old Strategy)
 5. National Partnership Agreement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan – Schedule D – Building the Education Revolution
- New South Wales initiatives
 - : Kids Excel

- : Youth Excel and Student Scholarships
 - : Norta Norta Program (provides tutorial assistance)
 - : Schools in Partnership
 - : Schools as Community Centres
 - : Culture and Identity - Aboriginal languages and Aboriginal Studies
 - : English as Another Language (EAL) Best Start Numeracy and Literacy Leaders Initiatives
 - : Personalised Learning Plans for Aboriginal Students
 - : Aboriginal Cultural Education and Language Programs
 - : Connecting to Country (a Cultural Immersion experience)
- Commonwealth Initiatives
 - : Parental and Community Engagement (PaCE) program
 - : Building the Education Revolution
 - : Indigenous Youth Leadership Program
 - : Expansion of intensive literacy and numeracy programs and personalised learning plans
 - : Indigenous Youth Mobility Program
 - : Indigenous Education Ambassadors Program
 - : Sporting Chance Program
 - : Australian Indigenous Education Foundation
 - : Reducing substance abuse (petrol sniffing)
 - : Youth Connections
 - : School Business Community Partnership Brokers (Partnership Brokers)

Health

- National Agreements, National Partnership Agreements and Strategies
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes
 - : National Healthcare Agreement
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Hospital and Health Workforce Reform
 - : National Disability Agreement
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Early Childhood Development (Elements 2 and 3)
- New South Wales initiatives
 - : Chronic Care for Aboriginal People
 - : Living Well: The NSW Aboriginal Health Chronic Care Initiative Program
 - : Severe Chronic Disease Management Program
 - : Housing and Supported Accommodation Initiative (HASI A5)
 - : Provision of dental health services across the state through a hub and spoke service model

- : Injury Prevention Demonstration Project
- : Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program
- : SmokeCheck
- : Quit for New Life
- Commonwealth Initiatives
 - : Improving eye and ear health services for Indigenous Australians
 - : Indigenous drug and alcohol services
 - : Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation
 - : Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative
 - : Expanding link-up services for the Stolen Generations
 - : Reducing rheumatic heart fever for Indigenous children
 - : Quality assurance for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Services pathology program - enhancement

Economic Participation

- National Agreements, National Partnership Agreements and Strategies
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation;
 - : National Agreement on Skills and Workforce Development
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Productivity Places Program
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Youth Attainment and Transitions
- New South Wales initiatives
 - : Making It Our Business (including 2,229 additional Aboriginal identified positions in the public service)
 - : Job Compacts
 - : Enterprise Development Officers (joint NSW and Commonwealth)
- Commonwealth Initiatives
 - : Job Services Australia
 - : Jobs Fund
 - : Reformed Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program
 - : Indigenous Employment Program
 - : Working on Country/Caring for our Country
 - : Working on Country Flexible
 - : Working on Country Trainees
 - : Indigenous Community Support Service
 - : Funding for Native Title system
 - : National Arts and Crafts Industry Support Program
 - : Strengthening Australia's Indigenous visual arts industry
 - : Reformed Indigenous Employment Program Workplace English Language and Literacy (IEP-WELL) program for pre-employment IEP participants
 - : Australian Public Service Indigenous Employment Strategy
 - : Business Action Agenda
 - : Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism (BRPIT)

- : Indigenous Economic Development Strategy (IEDS)

Healthy Homes

- National Agreements and National Partnership Agreements and Strategies
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing
 - : National Affordable Housing Agreement
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness
 - : National Partnership Agreement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan – Schedule C – Economic Stimulus Plan – Social Housing Initiative
- New South Wales initiatives
 - : NSW Homelessness Action Plan and Regional Homelessness Action Plans
 - : Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI)
 - : Housing NSW Aboriginal Access Strategy
 - : Housing NSW Commitment to Improving Service Delivery to Aboriginal People
 - : Build and Grow Aboriginal Community Housing Strategy
 - : Housing for Health (a NSW Health initiative)
- Commonwealth Initiatives

Commonwealth contributions to housing outcomes are being delivered by the National Partnership Agreements and National Agreements.

- : Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) program
- : Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Home Ownership Program

Safe Communities

- National Agreements and National Partnership Agreements and Strategies
 - : National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children
 - : Closing the Gap: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Safe Communities Strategy
 - : National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children
- New South Wales initiatives
 - : Keep them Safe
 - : The Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities
 - : NSW Aboriginal Justice Plan
 - : Circle Sentencing
 - : Walking Together and Yinda Yama La programs
 - : Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment
 - : Youth Justice Conferencing
 - : Intensive Supervision Program
 - : Aboriginal Community Justice Groups
 - : Safe Aboriginal Youth Patrols
 - : Weaving the Net

- : NSW Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan
- Commonwealth Initiatives
 - : Indigenous Family Safety Program
 - : Family Violence Partnership Program (FVPP)
 - : Family Violence Regional Activities Program (FVRAP)
 - : Indigenous Culture Support (ICS) Program
 - : Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records (MILR) Program
 - : National Indigenous Languages Policy
 - : Indigenous Broadcasting Program (IBP)

Governance and Leadership

- National Agreements and National Partnership Agreements
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery
 - : National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Public Internet Access
- New South Wales initiatives
 - : The Partnership Communities Program
 - : NSW Aboriginal Joint Management Program
 - : The NSW Cultural Resource Use Framework (this is consistent with the *Native Title Act 1993* and supports local and regional Aboriginal community decision making about cultural resource use)
- Commonwealth Initiatives
 - : Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services
 - : United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 - : National Congress of Australia's First Peoples
 - : National Healing Foundation
 - : Indigenous Leadership Program
 - : Governance Training provided by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
 - : Reconciliation Australia. Support the operation of Reconciliation Australia through the continuation of funding over three years to secure the sustainability of Reconciliation Australia operations
 - : Indigenous Sport and Recreation
 - : COAG agreed frameworks such as the NIRA and Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy

Other National Agreements and National Partnership Agreements and Strategies

- : National Partnership Agreement on an Indigenous Clearinghouse.
- : National Disability Agreement
- : National Indigenous Reform Agreement, including the National Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy

All National Partnership Agreements and Bilateral Implementation Plans are published on the Federal Financial Relations website: www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au

Specific information on actions agreed between the Commonwealth and NSW can be found in the Bilateral Implementations that are a schedule to each National Partnership Agreement.

The COAG Reform Council also undertakes assessments of the performance of Governments against their commitments, including commitments under the National Reform Agenda. COAG reform Council Reports can be found at:
www.coag.gov.au/crc/reports.cfm

SCHEDULE B: Terms of Reference for NSW and Commonwealth Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan Oversight Group

The NSW and Commonwealth Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plan Oversight Group (the Oversight Group) has been established to monitor and oversee matters of priority and progress relating to the OBIP.

Chair and Secretariat

The Oversight Group is led jointly by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal Affairs NSW. The Oversight Group will be chaired, on a rotating basis every twelve months, by the NSW State Manager of the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Chief Executive Officer of Aboriginal Affairs NSW. Secretariat functions will rotate with chairing responsibilities.

Membership of the Oversight Group

Membership of the Oversight Group will include senior officers from:

- Aboriginal Affairs NSW;
- NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- NSW Treasury;
- Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA);
- Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR);
- Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities; and
- Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing (DOHA).

Additional members may be added by the agreement of the parties.

Meetings

The Oversight Group will meet at least once per calendar year to monitor the implementation of the OBIP.

Functions

The Oversight Group will:

- Review COAG Reform Council (CRC) reporting on outcomes for NSW under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement;
- Identify any issues arising from CRC Reporting and develop joint responses where required;
- Monitor the implementation of agreed actions under the schedules to the OBIP;
- Facilitate resolution of any issues arising under National Partnership Agreements as requested by lead agencies;
- Share relevant information between Commonwealth Government and the NSW Government agencies; and
- Collaborate with other stakeholders and Governance Groups.