

# *Plenary 3 – Indigenous housing panel*

## National Housing Conference

Housing future communities  
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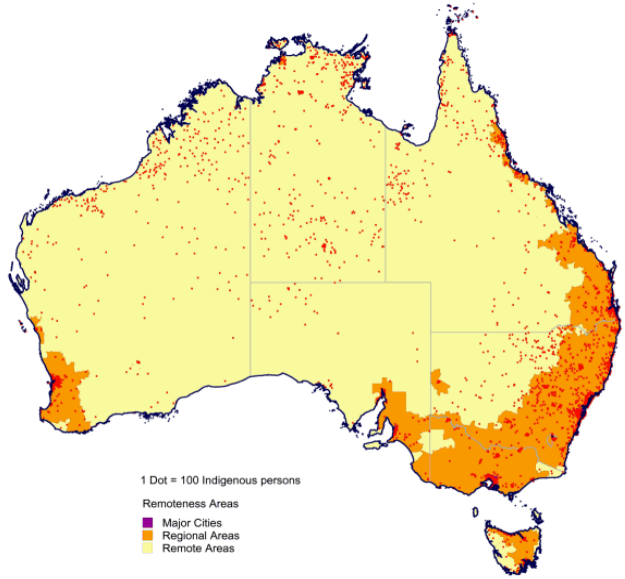


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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population distribution - 2006(a)



(a) Final estimates based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing.  
Source: ABS data available on request, [Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0)

Culturally and geographically diverse Indigenous populations

A solution that **suits non Indigenous people** does not necessarily suit Indigenous people and an **urban solution** does not work for all rural and remote residents

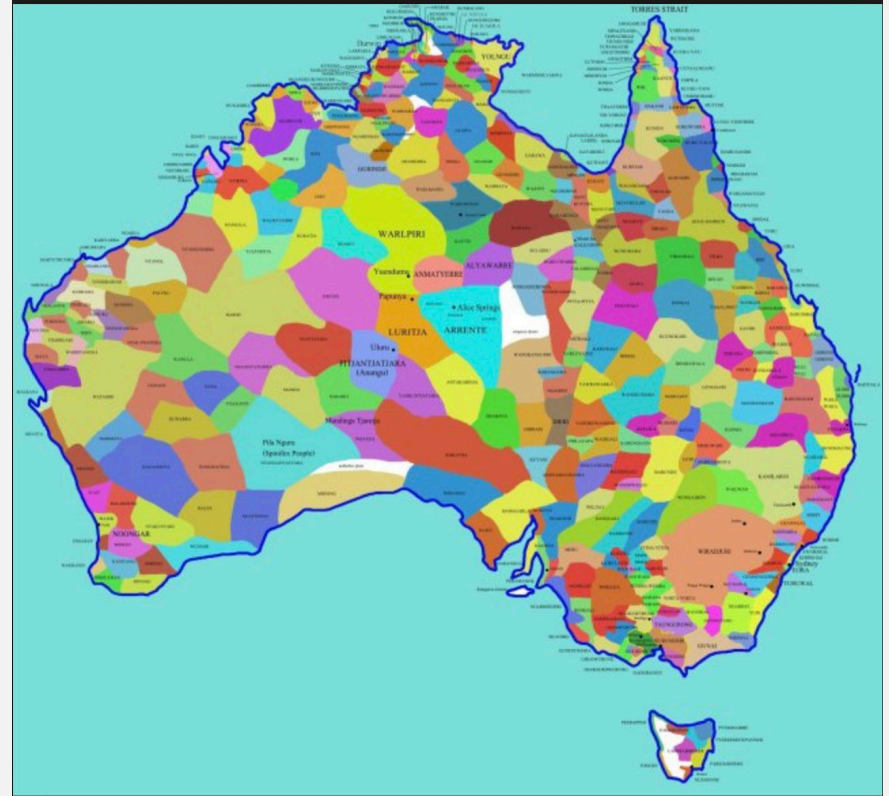
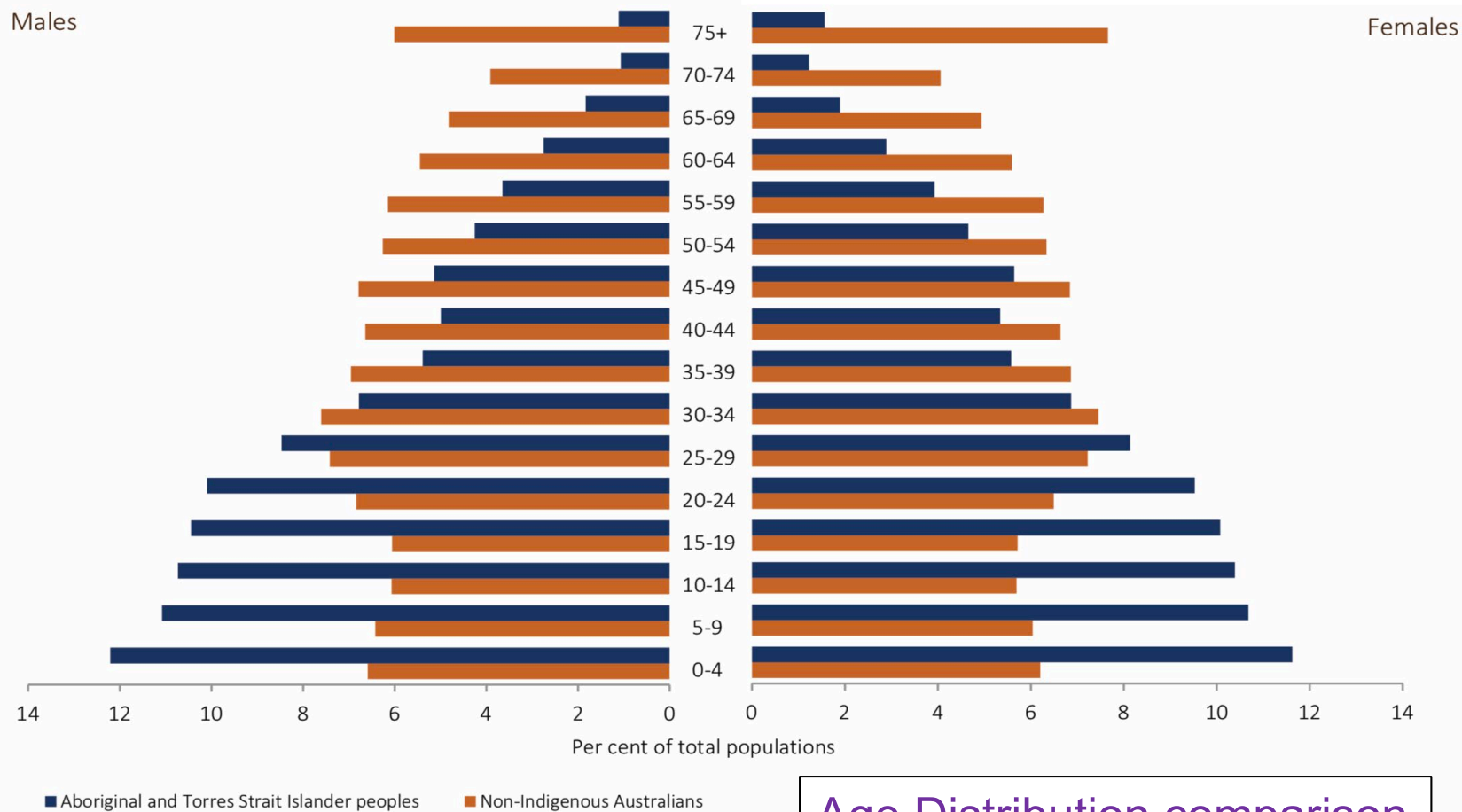


Figure 42

Age distribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians, by Indigenous status and sex, 2017 (projections)



Source: ABS population projections based on the 2011 Census (ABS, 2014)

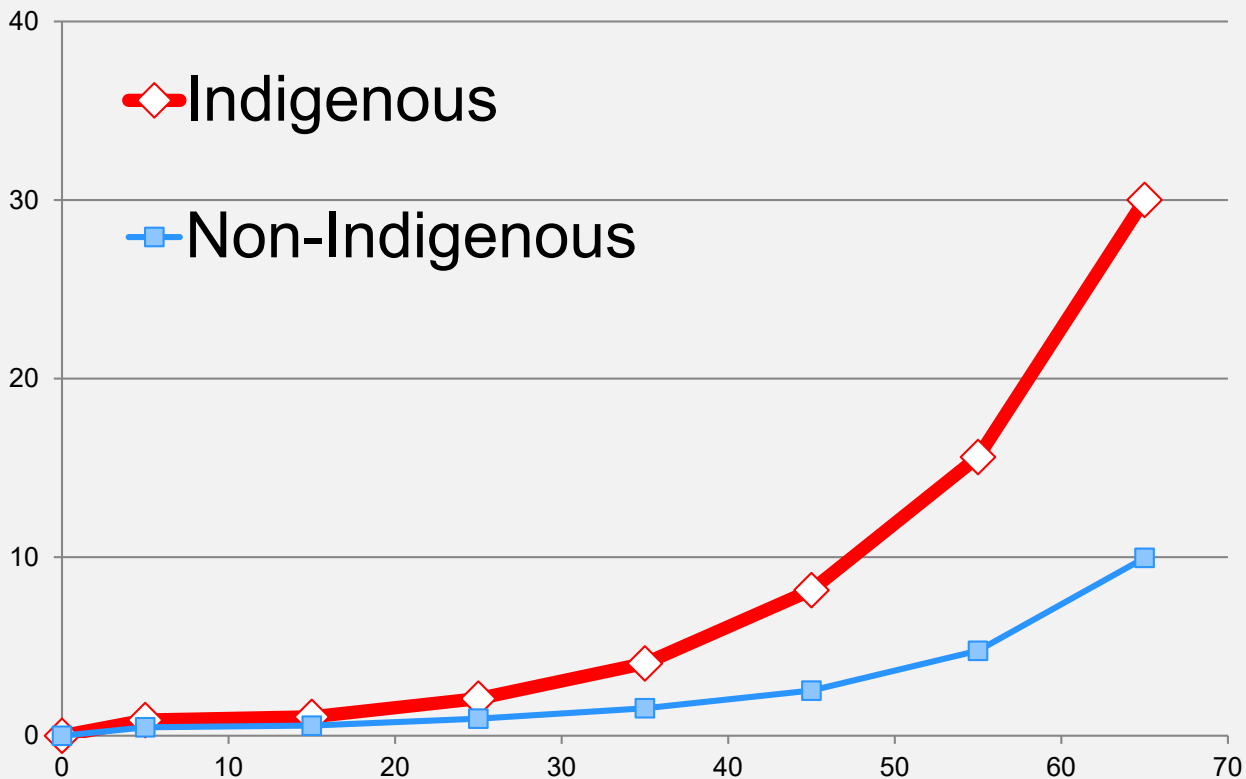
Age Distribution comparison

# Risk of death to age 65, by Indigenous status, Australia 2010

**Dead by age 65:**

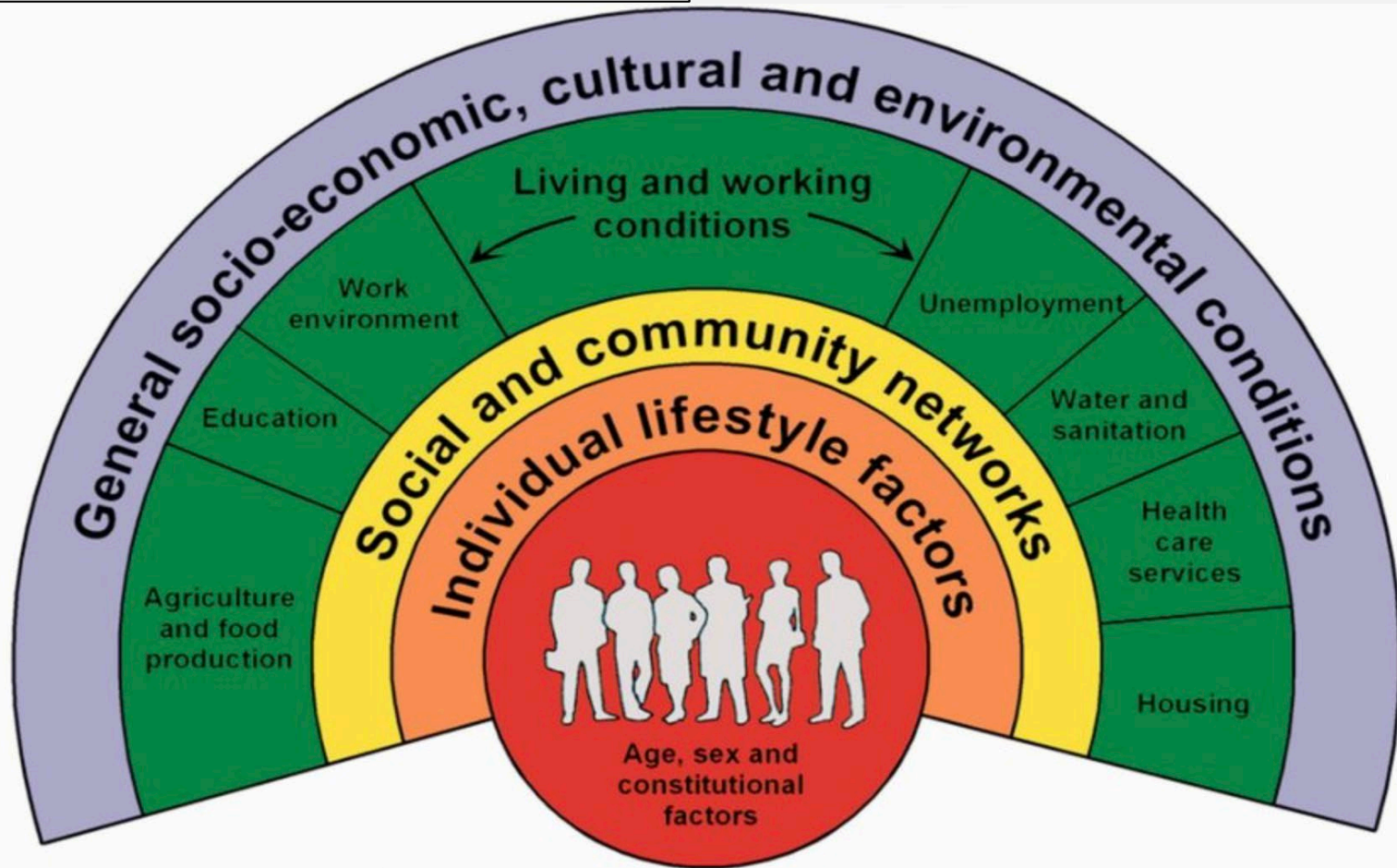
**30% Indigenous  
Australians**

**9% non-  
Indigenous  
Australians**





# Determinants of health





The following four themes were consistent features of the verbal and written feedback provided:

- **Culture is central** to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wellbeing and needs to be embraced and embedded across a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and mainstream services—both as a protector and enabler of health and wellbeing.
- **Racism within health and other systems** must be addressed to remove barriers to better outcomes in health, education and employment.
- **The impacts of trauma** across generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must be acknowledged and addressed.
- **Governments need to support long-term, coordinated, placed-based approaches** that honour community priorities and embed participation.





Representatives of around 40 Indigenous peak bodies, making up a 'coalition of peaks' will co-chair a new joint council alongside ministers.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/nitv-news/article/2019/03/28/buck-will-stop-us-indigenous-groups-meet-coag-historic-closing-gap-partnership1>

Representatives of all peak Indigenous bodies with Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion (AAP Image/Dan Peled)



# Peak Body to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing interests

## National Aboriginal Housing Workshop in Adelaide in July 2017

- **a mechanism** to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a **voice in housing advocacy**, guidance and expert advice **to all State and Federal Governments on policies**, agreements, programs, **standards** and funding.



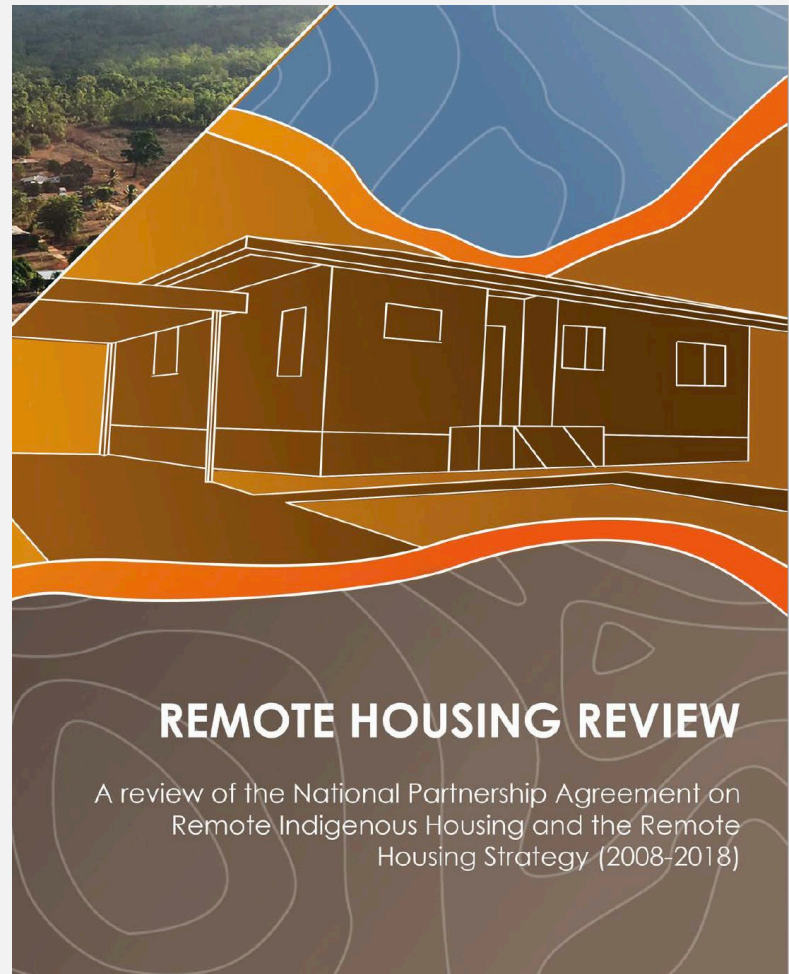
# National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Authority

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**Submission on the Closing the Gap Refresh**

**Targeting Housing and Homelessness**

August 2018



# Remote Housing Review

- **The Panel's recommendations.**
- **5. A higher level of transparency is required:** a sound performance framework and information processes that are relevant to individuals and communities, and derivative of the information that is needed for regional governance of the program.
- **6. Best practice fora** should be established to share information across the Commonwealth, jurisdictions, regional governance bodies and service providers.
- **8. Regional sample surveys** (using the survey and fix methodology of the Fixing Houses for Better Health program) must form a core part of the regional governance and monitoring strategy.
- **11. Comprehensive planning across government** – involving local communities – is essential for the next remote Indigenous housing national program.
- **12. Tenancy education programs** should be implemented. Outreach services for tenancy tribunals to improve access in remote communities should be funded.



## Stability and impactful



**ABORIGINAL HEALTH NEWS ALERT**  
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**Min Ken Wyatt MP announces a \$183.7 million 4 years funding commitment #ClosingTheGap Tackling Indigenous Smoking**

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*Continuing evaluation to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of individual programs, including increased regional data collection "*

Significant commitment to internal and external evaluation

<https://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2018-wyatt012.htm>

11 February 2018



NATIONAL BEST  
PRACTICE UNIT  
**TACKLING  
INDIGENOUS  
SMOKING**

# NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE UNIT FOR TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING

Providing tailored support to organisations funded under the national Tackling  
Indigenous Smoking programme.

**NBPU** provides organisations funded under the program with tailored support, such as:

- accessing evidence-based research, information and resources on ~~to tobacco control~~ Indigenous Housing matters **(Rec 5)**
- developing Action Plans **(Rec 5, 6, 8 & 11)**
- developing performance indicators & monitoring impact **(Rec 5)**

### **Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC) initiative**

- A strong focus of SCfC has been on increasing jobs for local Aboriginal people. As at 30 June 2017, 236 Aboriginal people had taken up jobs created under SCfC, and **around 195 people had actively volunteered their time** to serve on a SCfC Local Community Board. **(Rec 12)**



# Surveying Remote Community Experiences

- Action learning sets
- Participatory action research
- Brainstorming
- Mind mapping
- Sector gap analysis
- Asset pentagons



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# Ninti One observations re Ageism

- **Access to physical places.** The built environment in remote settings is rarely optimal for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. While there are many contributing factors to state of buildings in remote settings the net result is a **restriction or lack of easy access** to a large percentage of the members of the remote community.
- **Buildings:** Many remote communities have buildings that have been constructed in a different location and transported-in. Other buildings are repurposed over their lifetime, sometimes out of necessity. One remote community in the Northern Territory had to **repurpose its aged care centre TV room into a dialysis centre.**
- **Roads:** Unsealed roads often necessitate 4wd vehicles being necessary, there is no other option. The challenge for a senior to get into the back of a TroopCarrier can often be the difference between participating in a trip out to country, going fishing or attending family and community events. This has broader implications as these experiences shared with family are the opportunity for knowledge of the world's oldest living culture to be shared.



# Mayi Kuwayu

The National Study of Aboriginal  
& Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing

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# Our cultures count.

Mayi Kuwayu is a major new study that will provide a far greater **understanding of the value of culture** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Mayi Kuwayu Study looks at how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander **wellbeing is linked to things like connection to country, cultural practices, spirituality and language use.**

***By sharing your story, you can help create a better understanding of how culture affects health and wellbeing over time.***

<https://mkstudy.com.au>