

They set out the HPP’s strategic focus areas for transforming the housing system. Each Horizon represents a critical lever for change — shaped by community priorities, grounded in cultural authority, and aligned with the Closing the Gap Priority Reforms.

The Horizons offer a point of direction, helping us stay focused on outcomes, while remaining grounded in where we've come from and what we're working toward together.



**EMBED ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
VOICES AND SHARED
DECISION-MAKING ACROSS
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

- 1.1** Develop a HPP 3-year *Strategic Framework*
- 1.2** Partner with Commonwealth to develop a 5-year *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Plan*

**ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS
AND WORKING GROUPS TO
PROGRESS THE PRIORITIES
AND INFLUENCE OF THE HPP**

- 2.1** Develop strong relationships with other policy partnerships
- 2.2** Embed structures and frameworks in HPP to move toward 9B
- 2.3** Continue to establish HPP as strong, robust mechanism

**ENABLING COMMUNITY-LED
SOLUTIONS, INCREASING
INVESTMENT AND
STRENGTHENING THE
COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED
SECTOR**

- 3.1** Support development of strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative arrangements
- 3.2** Develop updated lists of funding rounds available to ATSICCO's
- 3.3** Provide advice to Housing Australia to make funding rounds more accessible to ATSICCO's
- 3.4** Provide advice to Ministers to make funding rounds more accessible to ATSICCO's

ENABLING THE SMOOTH TRANSITION OF HOUSING STOCK TO THE COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED SECTOR

- #### 4.1 Develop a *Funding Needs Report*

**TRANSFORMING GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES AND PORTFOLIOS
ACROSS THE ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
LANDSCAPE**

- 5.1** Identify and review national frameworks to enhance and strengthen cultural capabilities
- 5.2** Identify and review national frameworks to enhance and strengthen anti-racism

**DEVELOPING STRONG,
SELF-DETERMINED EVIDENCE
BASES AND ENHANCING
ACCESS TO QUALITATIVE AND
QUANTITATIVE DATA**

- 6.1** Develop a *Data Stocktake Report*
- 6.2** Develop and maintain jurisdictional profiles

**AT ITS HEART, THE HOUSING
POLICY PARTNERSHIP ENSURES
THAT COMMUNITY VOICES SHAPE
THE POLICIES THAT DIRECTLY
AFFECT THEM.**



HOUSING
POLICY
PARTNERSHIP

PURPOSE

The Housing Policy Partnership leads a nationally coordinated approach to transform housing systems through genuine partnerships between all levels of government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations and communities. Our focus is on delivering sustainable, and structural actions to reduce overcrowding and housing insecurity, while embedding the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (the National Agreement) across housing policies and programs.

BY BUILDING ON THE STRENGTHS, RESILIENCE, AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES, THE PARTNERSHIP IS DRIVING PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING OUTCOME 9 OF THE CLOSING THE GAP AGREEMENT.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Establish a joined-up partnership approach between all governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community representatives to address and improve housing outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- 2 Focus on the Priority Reforms in the National Agreement, and how they can be harnessed to make the changes needed to ensure that First Nations people can secure appropriate, affordable housing that is aligned with their aspirations, priorities and need.
- 3 Identify specific reforms to increase the proportion of First Nations people living in appropriately sized and affordable housing, to enable improved life outcomes across areas such as employment, health, education and connection to community and Country.
- 4 Identify opportunities to work more effectively across and within governments, the Coalition of Peaks and housing organisations, particularly community-controlled organisations to reduce service gaps and duplication and improve outcomes under the National Agreement.
- 5 Support efforts to implement the National Agreement including meeting targets for the Priority Reform areas and socio-economic outcomes.
- 6 Ensure policy is informed by a bottom up, community and sector led model that acknowledges and supports First Nations community-led outcomes on Closing the Gap through a housing lens.
- 7 Enable First Nations representatives to negotiate and implement agreements with governments to implement all Priority Reforms and place-based policy strategies to support the National Agreement.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CLOSING THE GAP

OUTCOME 9

Is to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to appropriate, affordable housing that meets their needs and priorities. There are two targets under Outcome 9. These are:

TARGET 9A

By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing to 88 per cent.

TARGET 9B

By 2031, all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households within discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities receive essential services that meet or exceed the relevant jurisdictional standard, in or near to a town receive essential services that meet or exceed the same standard as applies generally within the town (including if the household might be classified for other purposes as a part of a discrete settlement such as a 'town camp' or 'town based reserve').

PRIORITY REFORMS ON CLOSING THE GAP

Priority reform 1

Formal partnerships and shared decision-making.

Priority reform 2

Building the community controlled sector.

Priority reform 3

Transforming government organisations.

Priority reform 4

Shared access to data and information at a regional level.