



Investing in Health and Medical Research – Indigenous health and medical research

The Government will invest \$10 million in critical research focused on improving the health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Funding will support the Lowitja Institute to continue its important research work that informs health policies and makes a significant contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This includes improvements to on-the-ground service delivery.

This investment means critical research can continue into areas such as:

- Social and cultural determinants of health
- Health services and workforce
- Health conditions
- Family and community health.

Funding will allow for the continued support of a large number of postgraduate scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.

Why is this important?

Investment in health and medical research saves lives and ensures we are delivering the highest quality care. Supporting Indigenous organisations and people to take a leading role in this research is critical to developing practical and culturally appropriate health services for Australia's First Nation peoples. This investment underlines the Government's commitment to closing the gap in health outcomes.

Who will benefit?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will benefit from research that informs policy design and service delivery.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$10 million from 2019–20 to 2021–22.