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Health Research

\$10 MILLION FUNDING FOR THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE IS AN INVESTMENT IN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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The Lowitja Institute welcomes the funding announcement in the Budget delivered by the Treasurer the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP.

The Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. We have a strong track record working with communities, researchers and policymakers. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community priorities and self-determination must be built into the national research agenda that informs state and federal policies and programs. Our work embeds First Nations creativity, ingenuity and leadership in the decision making; this is critical to improving the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples.

We look forward to expanding our work in key research areas such as the cultural and social determinants of health, and health system improvements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We also look forward to continuing to build the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research workforce, and growing our national and international networks. Our innovations in knowledge translation will ensure the ongoing positive impact of our research.

"We welcome this investment in the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples and thank the government and the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP Minister for Indigenous Health for his ongoing support of the Lowitja Institute", said interim CEO, Ms Janine Mohamed. "The new funding will ensure that the Lowitja Institute continues to deliver public value of more than \$3 per every \$1 invested, and will enable us to remain as a key component of the national research architecture," Ms Mohamed said.

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ABOUT THE LOWITJA INSTITUTE

The Lowitja Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research, named in honour of its Patron, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue AC CBE DSG. It is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation working for the health and wellbeing of Australia's First Peoples through high impact quality research, knowledge exchange, and by supporting a new generation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers.

Established in January 2010, the Lowitja Institute operates on key principles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership, a broader understanding of health that incorporates wellbeing, and the need for the work to have a clear and positive impact.