



the
Lowitja
Institute

Australia's National Institute for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Health Research

Strategic Plan

2019-2023



When Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue agreed to have the Lowitja Institute named after her, she entrusted in us her spirit and energy, her values and priorities.

Dr O'Donoghue told us to be a courageous organisation committed to social justice and equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to match words to action, to achieve real tangible and immediate outcomes.

To be known throughout Australia as a strong and sustainable organisation working fearlessly for change and improvement in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Our Strategic Plan and all the work we do will honour Dr O'Donoghue's direction.

Our plan



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PRIORITY 1

Invest in Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander community driven
best practice health research

Objective 1

To increase the availability of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander health research that reflects the priority
needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

PRIORITY 2

Mobilise research knowledge
for effective translation

Objective 2

To improve understanding of researchers and research
end users on how research knowledge can be
translated effectively into health policy and practice.

PRIORITY 3

Enhance the capability
of the Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
health research workforce

Objective 3

To enhance the capability of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people involved in health research.

PRIORITY 4

Promote our role and impact

Objective 3

To strengthen external stakeholder awareness of the role
of Lowitja Institute and our history of collective impact.

PRIORITY 5

Create a strong and
sustainable future

Objective 5

To create a perpetual funding base for Lowitja Institute.