

Introduction: National Target Setting Instrument: Evidence Based Best Practice Guide

The National Indigenous Health Equality Council (NIHEC) has developed this *National Target Setting Instrument: Evidence Based Best Practice Guide* to inform target setting in Indigenous health. This work draws on comprehensive analysis of the evidence and what has been learnt over the years about successful target setting processes.

The NIHEC vision and principles

NIHEC's vision is to provide strategic advice to the Australian Government that:

- is focused on achieving equitable health outcomes for Indigenous Australians
- supports the achievement of commitments made to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage
- promotes an optimal response by health and related systems whilst recognising the need for strategies that are realistic and achievable
- promotes models of health care that are effective and culturally secure
- is cognisant of the social determinants of Indigenous health
- is focused on promoting accountabilities
- promotes excellence and innovation
- is proactive and strategic
- is given with honesty, respect and integrity.

Key principles underpin the strategic policy advice provided by NIHEC. NIHEC commits to an approach that:

- builds on the existing strengths of Indigenous Australian communities
- is oriented towards the development of capabilities that enable choice
- respects the values and cultures of Indigenous Australians where that is not in conflict with our goal of promoting health and well-being for Indigenous Australian people and communities
- respects the diversity of knowledge and culture across Indigenous Australian communities
- is framed by equity principles
- is based on the best available evidence and practice knowledge
- is based on a commitment to social justice and human rights.

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