

My Life My Lead - Opportunities for strengthening approaches to the social determinants and the cultural determinants of Indigenous health: Report on the national consultations December 2017



PRIORITY AREA 4

Environmental health



"Having a safe home is the keystone to health, employment and education."

(Online submission)

"To promote good hygiene and clean faces we need working taps and running water."

(Online submission)



Middle ear infections of Indigenous Australians **2.4 TIMES** higher than non-Indigenous Australians¹

IN REMOTE AREAS²

1 in 6

DO NOT HAVE working facilities for preparing food



1 in 6

DO NOT HAVE facilities for washing clothes and bedding

2 x

the rate of **NON-REMOTE AREAS**

NEXT STEPS

Addressing the underlying environmental health conditions that contribute to poor health outcomes in many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will lead to long-term improved health, education and employment outcomes and can be achieved by:

- Supporting safe and secure housing;
- A national approach to environmental health; and
- Increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental health workforce.

¹ Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council 2017, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework 2017 Report, AHMAC, Canberra

² Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council 2017, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework 2017 Report, AHMAC, Canberra