

# Aboriginal Health Impact Statement Declaration

An Aboriginal Health Impact Statement Declaration (and a completed Checklist where necessary) will accompany new policies and proposals for major health strategies and programs submitted for Executive or Ministerial approval. This will ensure that the health needs and interests of Aboriginal people have been considered, and where relevant, appropriately incorporated into health policies.

## THE ABORIGINAL HEALTH IMPACT STATEMENT DECLARATION

Title of the policy/initiative:

Please complete the Declaration below and the Checklist **if required**.

Please tick relevant boxes:

- ☒ The health\* needs and interests of Aboriginal people have been considered, and appropriately addressed in the development of this initiative.
- ☒ Appropriate engagement and collaboration with Aboriginal people has occurred in the development and implementation of this initiative.
- ☒ Completed Checklist attached.

OR

- ☐ The health\* needs and interests of Aboriginal people have been considered, in the development of this initiative.
- ☐ The Aboriginal Health Impact Statement Checklist does not require completion because there is no direct or indirect impact on Aboriginal people. (Please provide explanation.)

Head of Unit Name and Title:

Unit Name:

Area Health Service/NSW Health Branch:

Signature:  Date:  /  /

Contact phone no:  Email address:

\*For Aboriginal people, health is defined as not just the physical well-being of the individual but the social, emotional and cultural well-being of the whole community.

# Aboriginal Health Impact Statement Checklist

This Checklist should be used when preparing an Aboriginal Health Impact Statement for new health policies, as well as major health strategies and programs. To complete the checklist and to fully understand the meaning of each checklist item, it is essential to refer to *How to Use the checklist* in Part 3 of the Aboriginal Health Impact Statement.

## Development of the policy, program or strategy

1. Has there been appropriate representation of Aboriginal stakeholders in the development of the policy, program or strategy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have Aboriginal stakeholders been involved from the early stages of policy, program or strategy development? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Please provide a brief description*

3. Have consultation/negotiation processes occurred with Aboriginal stakeholders? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
4. Have these processes been effective? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Explain*

5. Have links been made with relevant existing mainstream and/or Aboriginal-specific policies, programs and/or strategies? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

*Explain*

## Contents of the policy, program or strategy

6. Does the policy, program or strategy clearly identify the effects it will have on Aboriginal health outcomes and health services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Comments*

7. Have these effects been adequately addressed in the policy, program or strategy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Explain*

8. Are the identified effects on Aboriginal health outcomes and health services sufficiently different for Aboriginal people (compared to the general population) to warrant the development of a separate policy, program or strategy? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

*Explain*

## Implementation and evaluation of the policy, program or strategy

9. Will implementation of the policy, program or strategy be supported by an adequate allocation of resources specifically for its Aboriginal health aspects? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
- ☐ To be advised

*Describe*

10. Will the initiative build the capacity of Aboriginal people/organisations through participation? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

*In what way will capacity be built?*

11. Will the policy, program or strategy be implemented in partnership with Aboriginal stakeholders? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

*Briefly describe the intended implementation process*

12. Does an evaluation plan exist for this policy, program or strategy? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

13. Has it been developed in conjunction with Aboriginal stakeholders? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

*Briefly describe Aboriginal stakeholder involvement in the evaluation plan*

