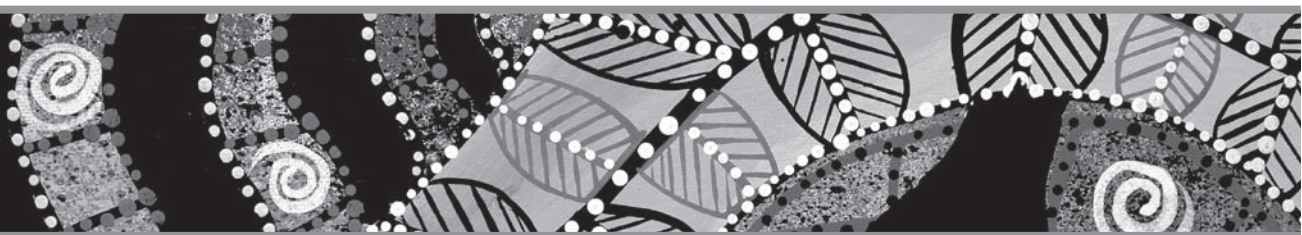


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# Abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AHMAC	Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AODTS-NMDS	Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services National Minimum Data Set
BEACH	Bettering the Evaluation and Care of Health
CATCH	Australian Classification and Terminology for Community Health
CHINS	Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
HPF	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework
NACCHO	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
NAGATSIHID	National Advisory Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Information and Data
NATSIHS	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey
NATSIS	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey
NATSISS	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey
NDSS	National Diabetes Services Scheme
NHIG	National Health Information Group
NHIMPC	National Health Information Management Principal Committee
NHS	National Health Survey
OATSIH	Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
PES	Census Post Enumeration Survey
SAR	Service Activity Reporting (data collection)

