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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND  
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

## Introduction

Established in 2009 the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA) proudly works to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women to have a strong and effective voice in the domestic and international policy advocacy process.

## Our Vision

Our Vision is an enduring statement of NATSIWA's reason for existence. It describes what we do, whom we do it for, and how we do it:

*"To protect the health, human rights and fundamental freedoms that are significant to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women, through cultural preservation, health education and coalition building"*

## Guiding Principles

The above Vision will be achieved through the following Guiding Principles that will remain cognizant of the: needs; health; wellbeing and development; and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women.

Aboriginal strengths;

The need for cultural understanding;

● The impact of racism and stigma;

● Recognition of the centrality of kinship;

● The impact of history in trauma and loss;

Adopted from the National Aboriginal Health Strategy of 1989.

Recognition of different needs of communities;

The recognition of human rights and social justice;

● Universal access to basic health care, housing and education; &

● Equitable needs based funding.

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## NATSIWA Recognises and Values

- Aboriginal culture and sovereignty; Aboriginal strength and resilience.
- Self determination through Aboriginal ownership and control;
- Leadership and collaboration;
- Trust, loyalty, respect, courage and listening;
- Cultural respect, integrity, consensus and inclusion; and
- Genuine and meaningful coalitions.

## Our Strategic Priorities

The four strategic priorities of NATSIWA for the next two years are as follows:

### First Strategic Priority → Human Rights

To protect, defend and advance the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women in respect to all forms of violence.

### Second Strategic Priority → Women's Leadership and Participation

To ensure and advocate for the principle of gender equality in governmental, social, cultural, economic, and political arena's to support and engender the meaningful participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women in all facets of civil and political policy making that impacts them.

### Third Strategic Priority → Coalition Building

Develop strong and effective coalitions with all major stakeholders to achieve the above Strategic Priorities.

### Fourth Strategic Priority → Operations

Governance:

Improve the quality and effectiveness of the governance and management arrangements of NATSIWA.

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Research, Monitoring and Evaluation:

Build NATSIWA's evidence base to better inform, monitor and evaluate all policies that impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women.

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