Improve Indigenous Health

65% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in Australia live outside a major city.

Compared to non-Indigenous Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians experience:

- **Cancer survival rates since 2004**: 21% worse
- **Life Expectancy**: 1.5 to 2.5 times more likely to experience discrimination and racism (MALES 10.6 years, FEMALES 9.5 years)
- **55x** more likely to die of Rheumatic Heart Disease
- **4.9x** rate of preventable hospital admissions
- **% 6.4** reduction in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce
- **2.3x** higher burden of disease

The National Rural Health Alliance is asking an incoming Government to commit to:

- Endorsing the Uluru Statement from the Heart
- Funding an additional 3,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Health Workers and Practitioners
- Increased funding for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
- Eliminating Rheumatic Heart Disease