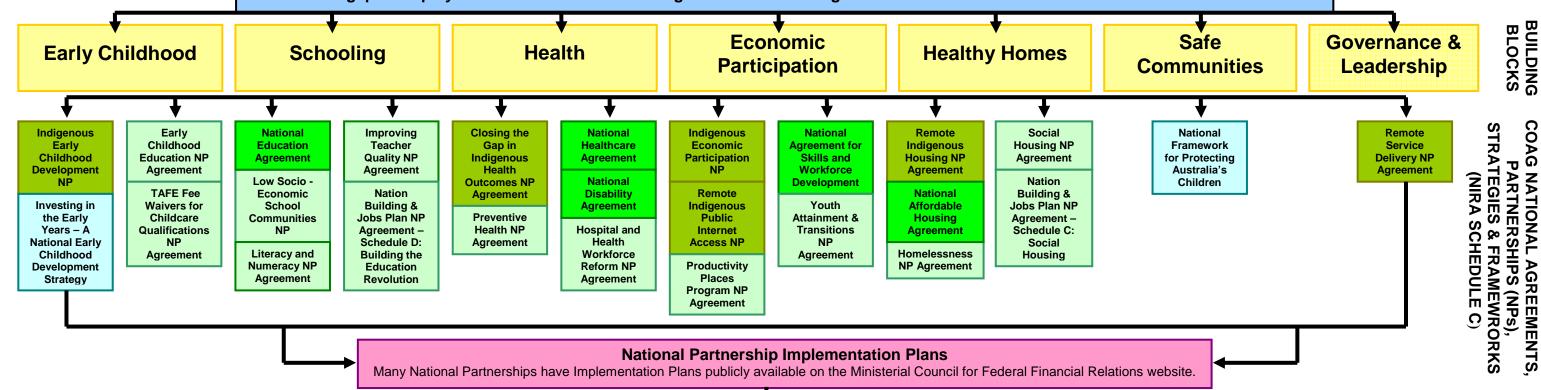
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS

National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA)

The NIRA has been established to frame the task of Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage. It sets out the objectives, outcomes, outputs, performance indicators and performance benchmarks agreed by COAG. It also provides links to those National Agreements and National Partnership Agreements (NPs) across COAG which include elements aimed at Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage. Service delivery principles for programs and services for Indigenous Australians are set out at Schedule D. These principles are to guide COAG in the design and delivery of Indigenous specific and mainstream government programs and services provided to Indigenous people and the development and negotiation of National Partnership Agreements, National Agreements and reform proposals.

- Close the life expectancy gap within a generation
- Halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five within a decade
- Ensure all four year olds in remote Indigenous communities have access to a quality early childhood education program within five years
- Halve the gap for Indigenous students in reading, writing and numeracy within a decade
- Halve the gap for Indigenous students in Year 12 attainment or equivalent attainment rates by 2020
- Halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade



National Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy (NIRA Schedule B)

The strategy outlines: the underlying evidence for action; the contribution of Indigenous specific and mainstream National Partnership Agreements (NPs) in health, housing and homelessness, early childhood, education and economic participation to addressing disadvantage in urban and regional locations; and actions that can be taken by all jurisdictions to give practical effect to these key NPs and other initiatives of the Commonwealth and the States and Territories to improve outcomes for Indigenous Australians in urban and regional communities in a coordinated and targeted way.

National Integrated Strategy for Closing the Gap in Indigenous Disadvantage (NIRA Schedule A)

This document sets out the National Integrated Strategy for Closing the Gap. The foundation of the strategy is the identification of and commitment to targets to reduce Indigenous disadvantage, and associated building blocks or areas for action. The strategy acknowledges the importance of Indigenous culture, and engagement and positive relationships with Indigenous Australians. It discusses the contribution of the current COAG reform initiatives to meeting the targets and also the frameworks for accountability and performance reporting. Finally, it discusses directions for future work.

National Strategy for Food Security in Remote Indigenous Communities

In December 2009 the COAG National Strategy for Food Security in Remote Indigenous Communities was enacted as a schedule to the NIRA. The Strategy identifies the need for a coordinated and targeted approach aimed at providing a secure, sustainable and healthy food supply to remote Indigenous communities and actions aimed at increasing the purchase and consumption of healthy food.

Agreed Data Quality Improvements (NIRA Schedule F)

Schedule F to the NIRA outlines the actions the Commonwealth and States and Territories will undertake to improve the performance indicator data required under the NIRA in the period up to 30 June 2013.

Key to COAG agreements:

Indigenous National specific NP Agreement Mainstream National Strategy / Agreement

Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plans with each jurisdiction

The Commonwealth and States and Territories will work co-operatively to realise the objectives and commitments made in the NIRA, including through the development of Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plans under the NIRA. The Overarching Bilateral Indigenous Plans will be publicly available from the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations website.

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COAG TARGETS

BUILDING BLOCKS

NIRA SCHEDULES & STRATEGIES

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