



Victorian Healthcare  
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# Member Bulletin

**KOOLIN BALIT: ABORIGINAL  
HEALTH PLAN 2012 - 2022**

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Dear Member,

The Department of Health (DH) has released *Koolin Balit: the Victorian Government Strategic Directions for Aboriginal Health 2012-2022*, outlining the 10-year strategic plan on how to tackle inequalities in Aboriginal health. This forms part of the *Victorian Health Priorities framework 2012 - 2022*. The key objectives of the plan are as follows:

1. Close the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal people living in Victoria
2. Reduce differences in health outcomes between the general population and target groups for infant mortality rates, morbidity and low birthweights
3. Improve access to services and outcomes for Aboriginal people

The DH plans to achieve these by highlighting 6 key priorities focussing on stages of life and continuum of care. These priorities were identified through consultations done by the DH with Aboriginal communities in recent years. The 6 key priorities are:

1. A healthy start to life
2. A healthy childhood
3. A healthy transition to adulthood
4. Caring for older people
5. Addressing risk factors
6. Managing illness better with effective health services

The DH aims to achieve these priorities through enablers such as improving data and evidence, strengthening Aboriginal organisations, and increasing cultural responsiveness.

For further details and to access a full copy of the strategic plan, the document can be found on the [DH website](#).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Carr'.

Trevor Carr  
Chief Executive