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# Developments and commitments in Indigenous health





# Role of the Alliance

- Key priority since its inception
- Sector responsibility
- Onus on us to contribute in partnership
- Capacity for support and advocacy
- Acknowledge health inequalities are not just related to physical wellbeing but the social emotional and cultural well being of the whole community





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# Actions?

- COAG agenda
- Close the Gap statement of intent
- Development of health equality targets and the role of National Indigenous Health Equality Council
- Reviews and Enquiries





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# Commitment and recommitment

- What are the emerging issues?
- Maintain the rage-advocacy for resources, monitoring and accountability
- Organisations, communities and selves





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If an individual sets an achievable goal and never gives up, they will either achieve their goal, or die trying.

If a civilisation sets an achievable goal and never gives up, they will achieve their goal.

What shall we do?

- *Matthew Keith Groves*

