



# ANTHYM

ABORIGINAL NATIONS TORRES  
STRAIT ISLANDER HIV YOUTH MOB

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1. **Assist nation-wide health organisations to achieve its levels of and access to sexual health care and education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people;**
2. **Champion for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to have a voice about their access to and participating in the sexual health sector; and**
3. **Work in partnership with ANA, NAACHO and other organisations to develop a means of increased opportunities for youth engagement and representation.**

**ANTHYMs Objectives:** ANTHYM has been established to build, moderate and empower a large network of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's aged 14-29. We aim to use digital media to collate information and communicate with this network. This data and information is vital to the work we do.

**ANTHYM Rationale:** The ANTHYM Committee is very concerned about long standing rates of STIs among young Aboriginal people. We are very concerned that there are very few differences in behaviours for young Aboriginal people compared to non-Indigenous people, but for many it is an unfortunate scenario that they experience STIs mostly because they live in communities where there are endemic rates of STIs. We are also conscious that injection drug use is a prevalent risk factor for both HIV transmission and viral hepatitis. One of our main aims is to reduce HIV rates as described in the EORA Action Plan.

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