

Key health report released detailing aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals for eye health of First Nations People by 2030.

On the 2nd of May 2023 on Larrakia Country, the Vision 2030 report was launched by Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy. The report details, from the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals, the vision and future efforts needed to eliminate avoidable vision loss and blindness in Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities by 2030.

Captured on Larrakia Country Darwin in May 2022 at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health Conference, the report provides reflections on the essential elements that are needed to build a prevention focused, equitable, culturally safe and responsive eye health system, with the capability to address preventable vision loss and blindness in First Nations communities.



The Vision 2030 Report was launched by Senator McCarthy from the Deadly Vision Centre, Larrakia Country, Darwin, Northern Territory on the 2nd of May 2023. Photo courtesy of Lose Fonua

Whilst providing reflections on the report, Senator McCarthy discussed the importance of “going slowly but going strongly” while raising the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in eye health. The Senator noted the profound significance of this contribution and thanked those who had participated in producing the report. She encouraged those gathered at the launch to commence the work and ensure that the determination evident throughout the many voices in the report was acted on.

Founding member of the First Nations Eye Health Alliance and Deadly Vision Centre Proprietor Shaun Tatipata also commented that the launch of this report was a critical step in the formation of the First Nations eye care peak body. “This is an exciting step for the eye health and vision care sector and a significant milestone in our collective efforts to eliminate vision loss and blindness in our communities. Strengthening the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership of eye health and eye care for First Nations communities will lead to better outcomes and help advance the changes needed to improve access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people”.

Also in attendance at the launch was the Associate Director of Indigenous Eye Health Unit and founding member of the First Nations Eye Health Alliance Lose (Rose) Fonua, who commented: “With the support of our First Nations Eye Health Alliance membership and the launch of Vision 2030 report, we are coming together on strong foundations. I look forward to seeing how the First Nations Eye Health Alliance can work with the sector to see the principles outlaid in this report realised into 2030.”



A copy of the [Vision 2030 report can be viewed here](#)

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