

and monitor the implementation of efforts to close the gap, their priorities and drive their own development.

- e. **The socio-economic outcomes (listed at Table A).**

## **4. A NEW APPROACH**

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18. This Agreement is a commitment from all Parties to set out a future where policy making that impacts on the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is done in full and genuine partnership.
19. The Parties will listen to the voices and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and change the way we work in response. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been saying for a long time that:
- a. they need to have a much greater say in how programs and services are delivered to their people, in their own places and on their own country
  - b. community-controlled organisations deliver the best services and outcomes for Closing the Gap
  - c. government agencies and institutions need to address systemic, daily racism, and promote cultural safety and transfer power and resources to communities
  - d. they need to have access to the same information and data as governments to drive their development.

## **5. PRIORITISING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURES**

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20. The Parties acknowledge that strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are fundamental to improved life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
21. The Parties agree to implement all activities under this Agreement in a way that takes full account of, promotes, and does not diminish in any way, the cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This commitment is part of the new way of working that Parties have agreed to under this Agreement. The Parties agree to demonstrate this commitment through their Implementation Plans.
22. This Agreement supports the prioritisation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through the Priority Reforms outlined in Part 6 of this Agreement.
23. New Closing the Gap outcome areas, targets and indicators have also been included in this Agreement that support the cultural wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in areas of languages; cultural practices; land and waters; and access to culturally relevant communications.
24. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media, in particular community-controlled media, have a central role in communicating activities under this Agreement to allow culturally relevant messages to be developed and shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.