

Presentation to the

Standing Committee of Indigenous Affairs

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Anyinginyi Health

- ▶ **Aboriginal Community controlled established in 1984**
- ▶ **The major advantages of aboriginal community control are:**
 - **Engagement with communities**
 - **Tailoring services to community needs**
 - **The opportunity to be Innovative**



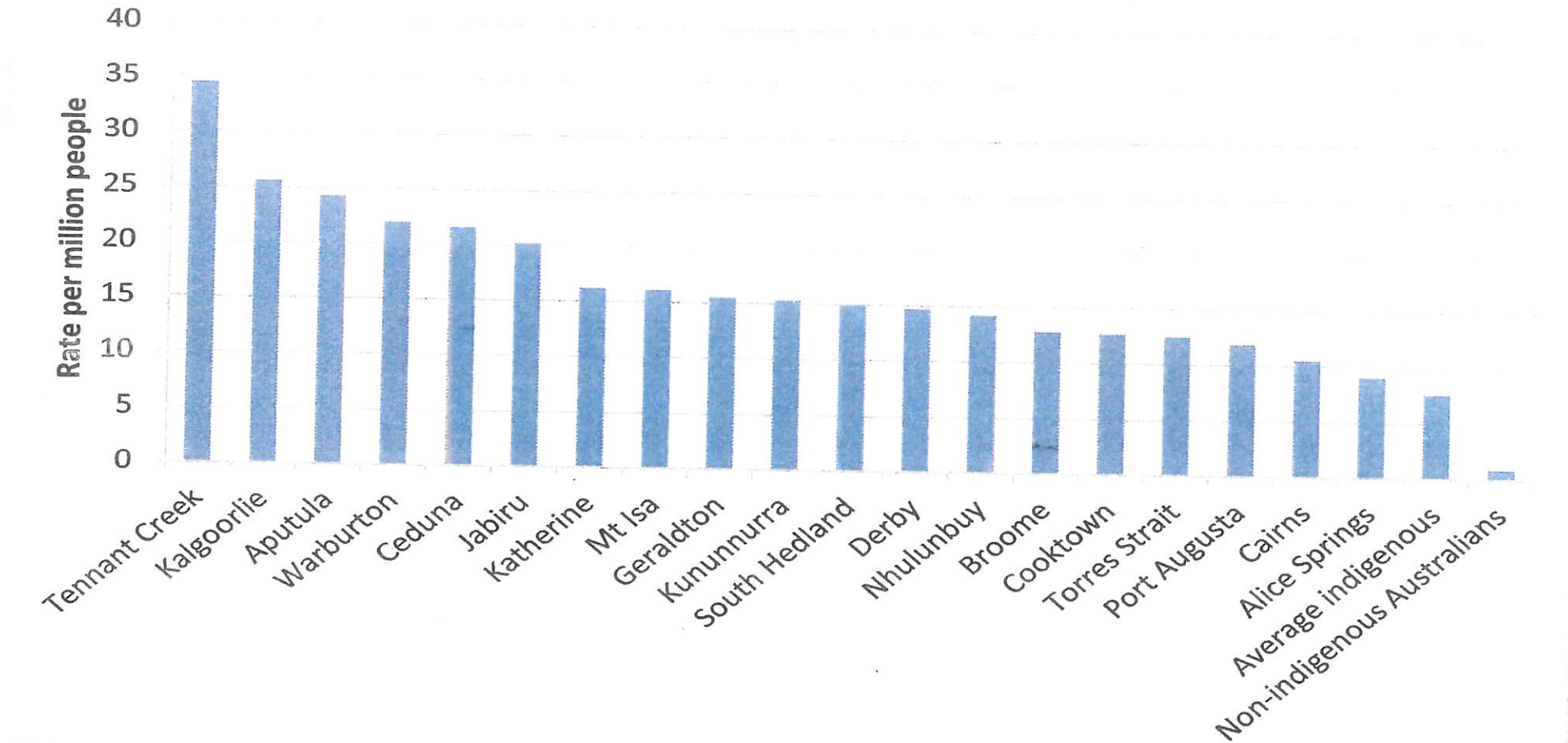
**Health Status – probably the
worst in Australia**

The major cause is alcohol



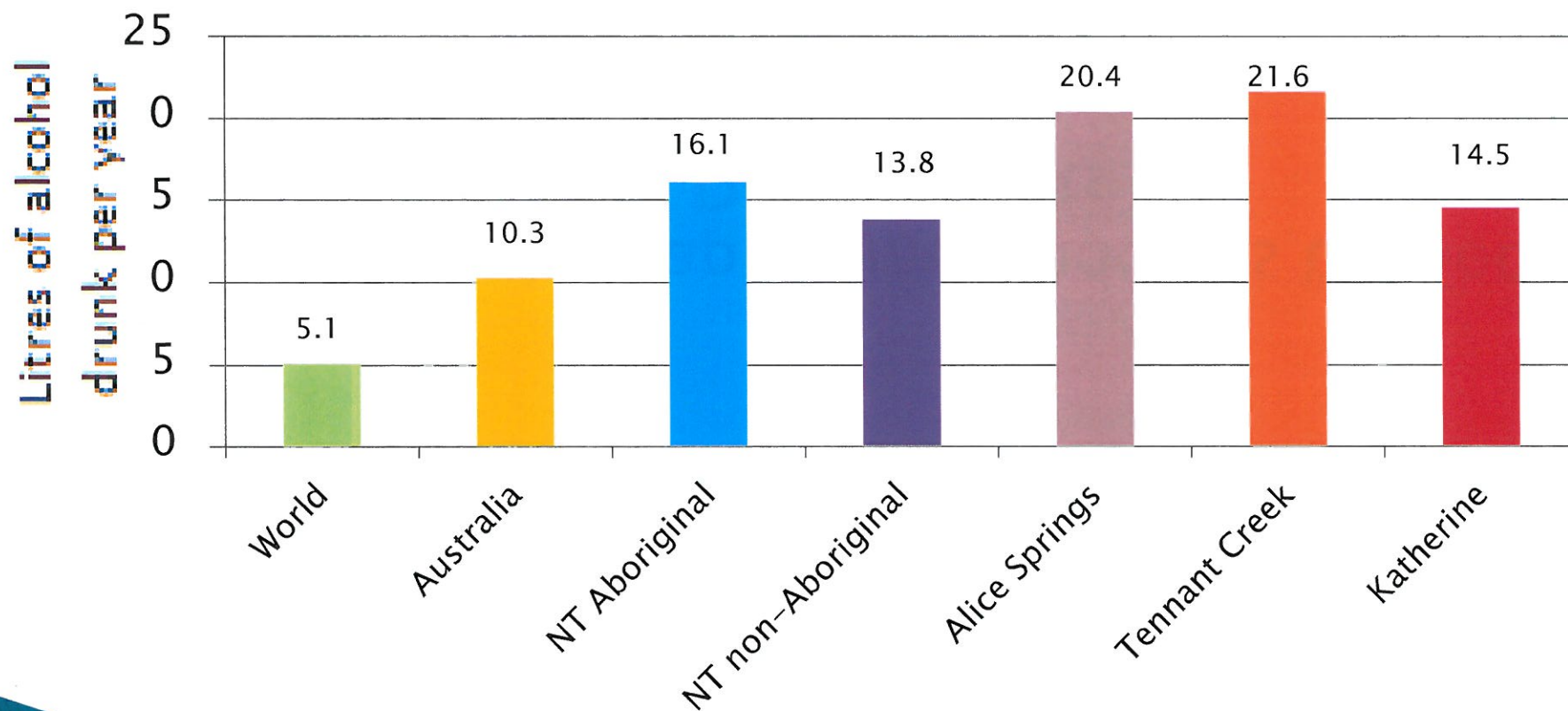
Renal disease

People diagnosed with end stage renal disease by ATSI regions 1993- 2001



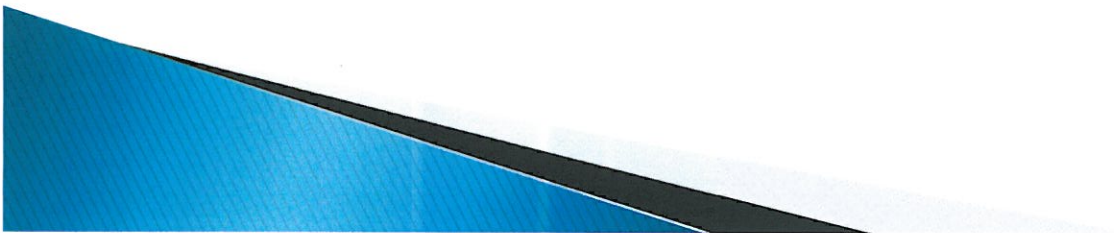
Alcohol

ALCOHOL CONSUMED PER PERSON AGED 15+



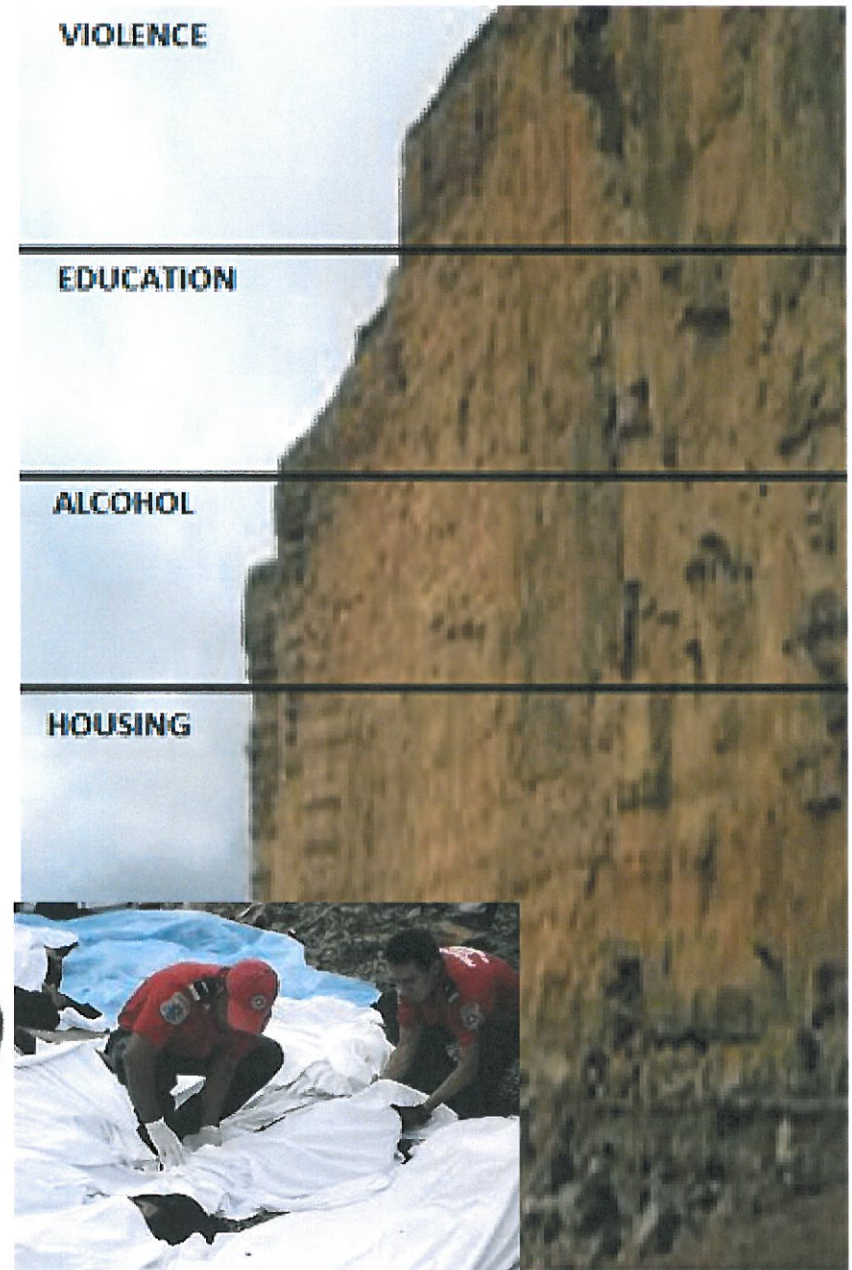
Prevention is the Solution

- ▶ To Close the Gap we must address the Social Determinants



Social Determinants

We have to move from being the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff...



... to Bulldozing the cliff

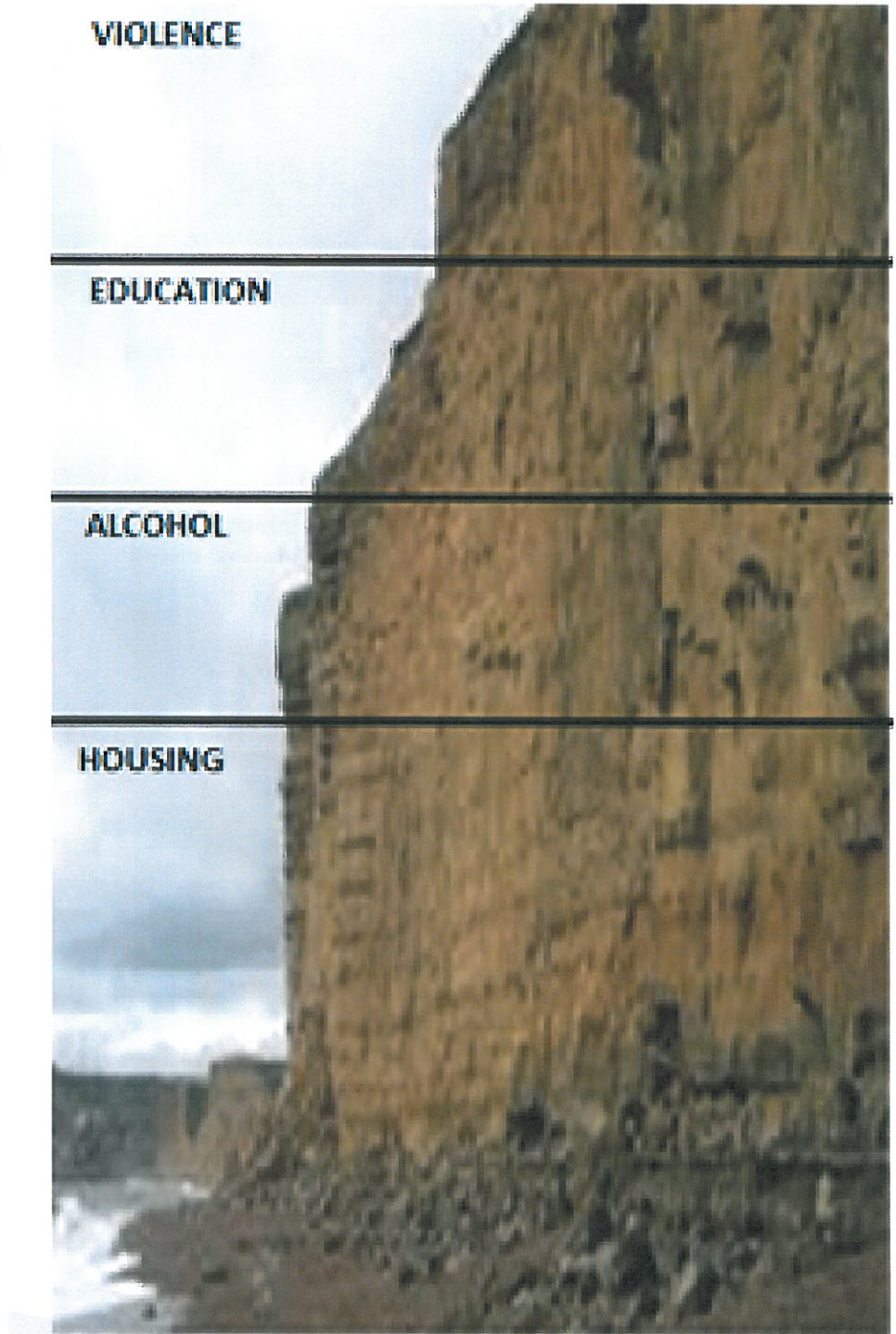


VIOLENCE

EDUCATION

ALCOHOL

HOUSING



Housing and health

- ▶ **‘Healthy homes’** is one of seven strategic platforms identified by COAG as a ‘building block’ that needs to be in place in order to comprehensively address the current state of Indigenous disadvantage.

A healthy home is a fundamental pre-condition of a healthy population

Source: Department of Health and Ageing Health performance framework 2012

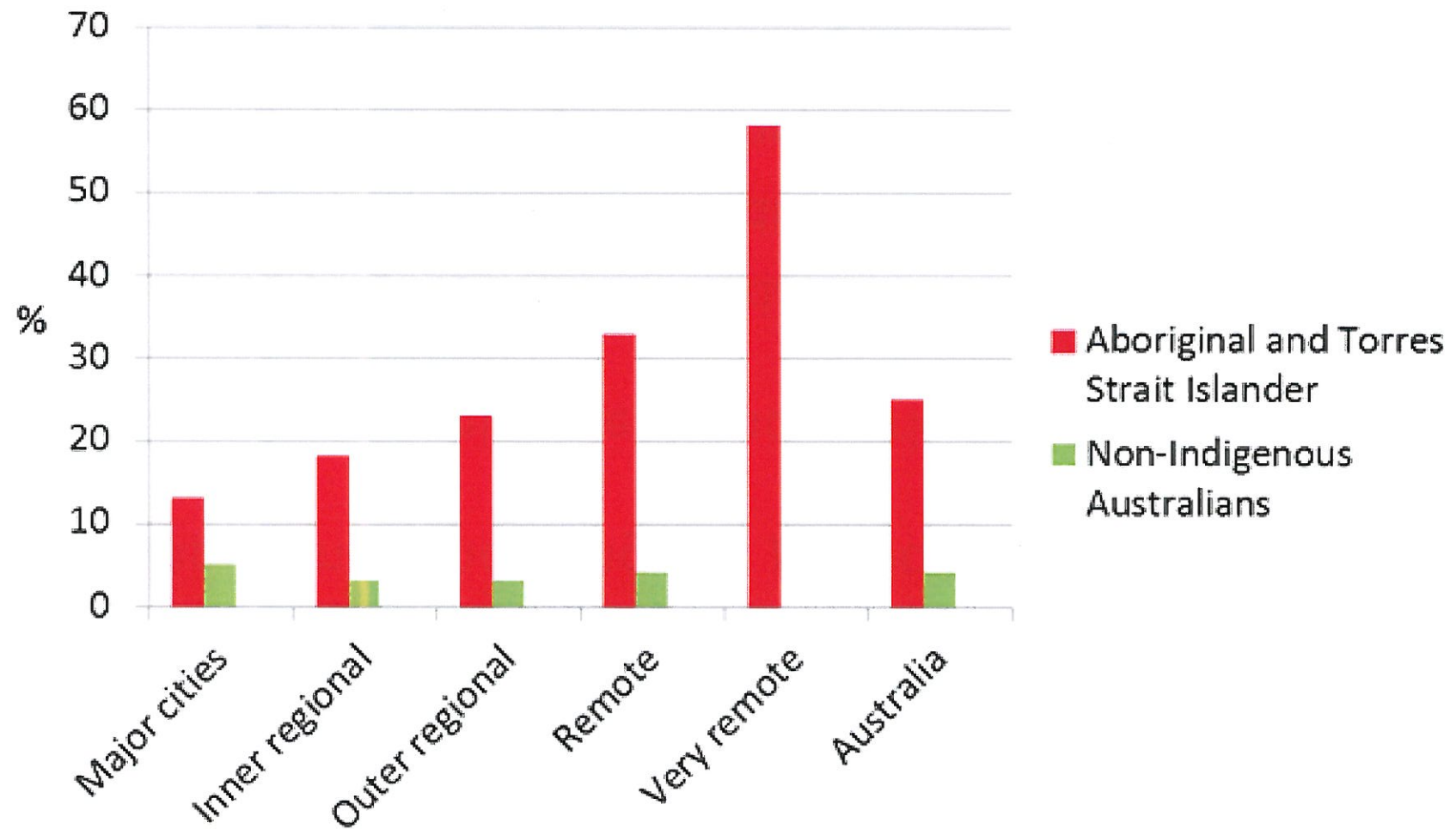


Housing and health

- ▶ We can't change health status while people are living in overcrowded and/or sub-standard housing with the problems that go with it




Proportion of persons 15 years and over living in overcrowded households, based on the Canadian National Occupancy Standard, by indigenous status and remoteness, 2008



Source: ABS and AIHW analysis of 2008 NATSISS, non-Indigenous data from Survey of Income and Housing 2007-08

Employment and housing

Innovation – the next step

- Employment housing not public housing
 - Linked to employment and work performance
 1. Lose job, lose accommodation
 2. Employer stipulates conditions of tenancy
 3. Employer manages tenancy
 4. Employer has conditions to protect the value of the asset
 5. Disputes and complaints managed by the employer
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Employment and housing

- ▶ Clear feedback from Aboriginal staff to date is that they desire safe, secure and private accommodation
- ▶ Similar to the mining industry except it will accommodate direct family of the employee
- ▶ SELF FUNDED BY ANYINGINYI
- ▶ Potential impact on Tennant Creek
- ▶ Potential impact on N.T.

Please support us in doing this



FASD – Our History

- ▶ Aware of level of alcohol consumption
- ▶ In early 2011 became aware of the great work at Fitzroy Crossing
- ▶ Since 2011/12 have been scavenging funding
 - 2011/12 – \$325K from Closing the Gap
 - 2012/13 – \$180K from Indigenous Family Support
 - 2013/14 – \$90K from Stronger Futures
 - \$100K from NT Department of Education
 - Self Funding by Anyinginyi
 - 2014/15 – Nothing



FASD – Our History – continued

▶ What has been achieved

- Awareness of the community that in pregnancy 1 drink is 1 too many
- Health education tools
- National and International recognition

▶ Where to from here for FASD?

- All work together
- Research to develop clinical best practice
- More and more refined education



Summary

- **We must take an innovative approach**
 - Reduce supply - takeaways
 - Address the causes e.g. housing
 - **The Aboriginal Community Controlled sector can provide innovation**
 - Please support this sector also help make it more robust
 - **Welcome recognition of FASD including NT Steering Committee**
 - **Help get all parties together to address FASD**
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