**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are involved in philanthropy and giving in various ways**, including through volunteering and other forms of donations, and as leaders of not-for-profit organisations that work with philanthropy.

## The stories and experiences shared with us by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have shaped our report:

* Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations are **interested in attracting more philanthropy** **but can face barriers** accessing the networks, resources and funding provided by philanthropy.
* Not-for-profit organisations, recipients and communities may be **less willing to interact and engage with philanthropy or grantmakers** due to perceptions of power imbalances or historic injustices.
* Official data on giving can **understate the contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make** to the community.

## The Commission’s draft report:

* Recommends the Australian Government support the establishment of an **independent philanthropic foundation controlled by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**, to strengthen the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to access philanthropy (draft recommendation 10.1).
* Recommends the ABS develop methodologies that **enable increased recognition of volunteering by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities**, in consultation with these communities (draft recommendation 9.5).
* Is seeking views on other options **to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations** to access philanthropy, if they wish to do so (information request 10.1).

