



Future foundations for giving

How the philanthropy draft report supports
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



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).

