



Advocacy Plan

2026–30

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health advocacy

COMMITMENT TO HEALTH EQUITY

RACGP is committed to eliminating racism in healthcare and improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through culturally safe, strengths-based and community-led approaches. This work is guided by the RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health faculty.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) advocates on behalf of specialist GPs and their patients to strengthen Australia's health system. We engage with all levels of government, regulators and key decision-makers to ensure general practice is well supported, patient-centred and at the heart of care delivery.

The *RACGP Advocacy Plan 2026–30* sets out how the College will advocate over the next five years on behalf of our members. It reflects the priorities members have told us are most important to them through our annual Health of the Nation report and member surveys, our member-elected faculty councils, our many College expert and advisory committees, as well as direct member submissions. The Advocacy Plan provides focus, clarity and accountability while allowing flexibility to respond to emerging issues.

Key priorities

➔ **To address the root causes of health disparities and advocate for initiatives that will support comprehensive, coordinated and continuous primary healthcare for those who need it most, the RACGP is asking governments to:**

- adopt the National Anti-Racism Framework and invest in its implementation, including implementing a monitoring and evaluation framework with appropriate accountability measures
- fund the development of a tool for monitoring and measuring racism in general practice and primary healthcare, including training for GPs and their teams and the development of supporting processes and guidance
- raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 14 and invest in health first, trauma informed approaches such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led community solutions and justice reinvestment programs
- fully implement the priority reforms and achieve targets under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap
- remain committed to the three pillars of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and increase real opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination
- commit to co-design of policy that affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- perform and publish an assessment of the likely impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of significant changes to health and other policy
- implement recommendations in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan 2021–2031 and evaluate programs that recruit, train and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- establish a program to grow the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander GP workforce that includes mentorship and leadership support, social and emotional wellbeing and peer support for Fellows, and GP supervisor support programs
- implement and evaluate commitments in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2021–2031, including Priority 8: Identify and eliminate racism
- establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led coalition on climate and health as recommended by the Lowitja Institute.

Want to help advance RACGP advocacy?

The RACGP's **GP Advocate Network** empowers GPs to deliver coordinated, place-based advocacy by engaging with local MPs and senators in their own communities. By sharing lived experience, GP advocates give a powerful voice to general practice and help policymakers understand the real impact of government decisions. Members receive CPD-approved training and ongoing support to advocate confidently and effectively.

Get involved today

Submit an expression of interest via the RACGP website or email gpadvocate@racgp.org.au to learn more.

Discover the **Advocacy Plan 2026–30**.