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Torres Strait Islander Legal Services

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### **NATSILS says Closing Gap data demonstrates need for true partnership**

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (NATSILS) says Productivity Commission [Closing the Gap data](#), released yesterday, shows that justice policy should be led by solutions by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

“NATSILS are leading the work around Outcomes 10 and 11 in the Justice Policy Partnership. What is evident is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services deliver support in communities around the country every day and while we know what our communities need, there must be a commitment from government to deliver these outcomes, true partnership and accountability functions.

“We have a right to culture. What needs to be in reverence is the principle that culture is a strengthening agent and that should underpin the delivery of services, policy and legislation that affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, said Jamie McConnachie, Executive Officer for NATSILS.

“We ask the jurisdictions to stand with us, hear us and support our leadership,” said Ms McConnachie.

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*[NATSILS](#) represents and is the national voice of community-controlled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services. We advocate at the national level for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the justice system and work to ensure that our peoples have equitable access to justice.*