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**SERVICE EXAMPLE:**

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

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**Client** Cancer Australia

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**Services** research, review, cultural appropriateness

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**Context** Cancer Australia required a review of the cultural appropriateness of Cancer Australia's developed website content for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Monitoring and Reporting Framework. This included:

- Reviewing Cancer Australia's M&R Framework website content to ensure that the written content was culturally sensitive and appropriate.
- Ensuring that wording and language used to describe trends was strength-based primarily, and that terminology was appropriate.
- Ensuring that high-level key messages from the presented data were identified and communicated appropriately on the website.

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**Approach** AHHA partnered with Jildara P/L, a boutique Supply Nation registered consultancy specialising in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health policy, to deliver this project within a very tight timeframe. Initial consultation was required with Cancer Australia to develop a shared understanding of cultural appropriateness, strengths-based and data sovereignty. Time constraints, and the COVID19 pandemic, demanded an online qualitative methodology to deliver results. A modified Delphi method was used with teleconferencing to interview a purposively selected panel of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were chosen to provide a broad spectrum of experience and knowledge.

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**Result** The methodology enabled a well-considered and robust assessment of the website content and deeply considered recommendations for change. A report with recommendations was provided to Cancer Australia to modify the website content. Implementation of the recommendations will improve cultural sensitivity and appropriateness, improve accessibility for non-academics, enable access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by cancer.

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