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Closing the gap clearinghouse

A clearinghouse for evidence-based research on overcoming disadvantage for Indigenous Australians

What is the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse?

The Closing the Gap Clearinghouse is a central online source of research and information on activities that work to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

The Clearinghouse focuses on what works to overcome the problems rather than on outlining the nature or extent of the problems.

It will become the nation's premier collection of information on assessed evidence and will be accessible to policy-makers, service providers and all interested Australians.

The Closing the Gap Clearinghouse is a Council of Australian Governments initiative jointly funded by all Australian governments. It is being delivered by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in collaboration with the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

Focus

The Clearinghouse aims to support policy-makers and service providers involved in overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

It does this by providing:

- access to the evidence
- expertise about the evidence
- help with using the evidence.

The Clearinghouse will have:

- a quality-assessed collection that is focused on activities that work to overcome Indigenous disadvantage
- a collection of research and reports covering the building blocks.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) recognises that overcoming Indigenous disadvantage will require a long term generational commitment. Efforts will be directed across a range of building blocks which support the six targets.

Closing the Gap targets

- To close the gap in life expectancy within a generation
- To halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five within a decade
- To ensure all Indigenous four-year olds in remote communities have access to early childhood education within five years
- To halve the gap in reading, writing, and numeracy achievements for Indigenous children within a decade
- To halve the gap for Indigenous students in year 12 equivalent attainment by 2018
- To halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade

Who can use the Clearinghouse?

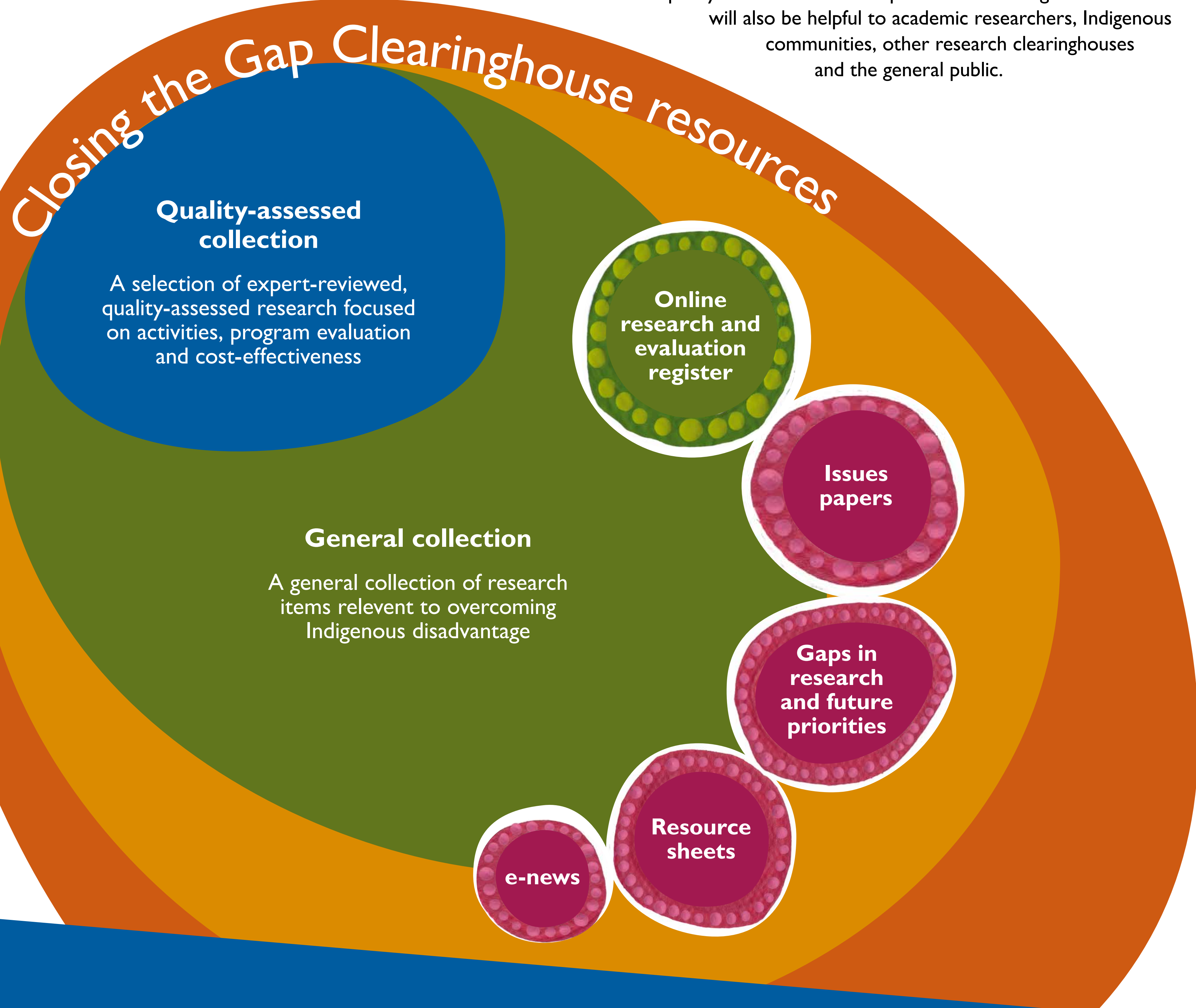
The Closing the Gap Clearinghouse is designed to make evidence-based resources available to support the needs of policy-makers and service providers. Clearinghouse resources will also be helpful to academic researchers, Indigenous communities, other research clearinghouses and the general public.

Building blocks

- 1 Early childhood
- 2 Schooling
- 3 Health
- 4 Economic participation
- 5 Healthy homes
- 6 Safe communities
- 7 Governance and leadership

Why come to the Clearinghouse?

- Read the resources of the Clearinghouse
- Find quality-assessed research on issues you are working on
- Check the online research and evaluation register
- Contribute information about your (in-progress or completed) research and evaluation to our online register.



For more information about the Clearinghouse, or help with accessing the above resources, contact us by phone: **1800 035 938** or email: closingthegap@aihw.gov.au

Accessing the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse

To sign up for e-news or to access the online resources, including quality-assessed items, go to:

www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap