1. The Queensland Government, as a member of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), has committed to the following six key targets to prioritise ‘closing the gap’ on Indigenous disadvantage:
* closing the life expectancy gap within a generation;
* halving the mortality gap for children under five within a decade;
* halving the gap in reading, writing, and numeracy within a decade;
* at least halving the gap for Indigenous students in year 12 attainment or equivalent attainment rates by 2020;
* providing Indigenous four-year olds in remote communities with access to early childhood education within five years; and
* halving the gap in Indigenous employment outcomes within a decade.
1. The *Queensland Closing the Gap 2007-08 Report* outlines progress by the Queensland Government, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders, in ‘closing the gap’ on Indigenous disadvantage and achieving the six targets. The Report summarises key indicators, strategic directions and key Queensland Government initiatives in the areas of early child development, education and training, healthy lives, economic participation, home environment, safe and supportive communities, governance and leadership, and land and culture.
2. In general, substantial gaps remain in life expectancy, infant mortality, employment, year 12 retention and in the achievement of reading, writing and numeracy benchmarks. The gaps are generally greatest for people in discrete Indigenous communities.
3. Cabinet endorsed the *Queensland Closing the Gap 2007-08 Report* for public release.
4. *Attachments*
* [*Queensland Closing the Gap 2007-08 Report*](Attachments/closing-the-gap-report.pdf)
* [Executive Summary](Attachments/closing-the-gap-execsumm.pdf)
* [Introduction, Targets, Key Indicators](Attachments/closing-the-gap-targets-indicators.pdf)
* [Early Childhood Development](Attachments/closing-the-gap-early-childhood.pdf)
* [Education and Training](Attachments/closing-the-gap-education.pdf)
* [Healthy Lives](Attachments/closing-the-gap-healthylives.pdf)
* [Economic Participation](Attachments/closing-the-gap-economic-participation.pdf)
* [Home Environment](Attachments/closing-the-gap-home-enviro.pdf)
* [Safe and Supportive Communities](Attachments/closing-the-gap-safe-communities.pdf)
* [Governance and Leadership](Attachments/closing-the-gap-governance.pdf)
* [Land and Culture](Attachments/closing-the-gap-land-culture.pdf)
* [Demographic Overview](Attachments/closing-the-gap-demographics.pdf)
* [Glossary](Attachments/closing-the-gap-glossary.pdf)
* [Technical Notes, Appendices](Attachments/closing-the-gap-tech-notes-appendices.pdf)