

THE ISSUES

### **2018 SNAPSHOT DATA**

# IN 2016-17 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN WERE:

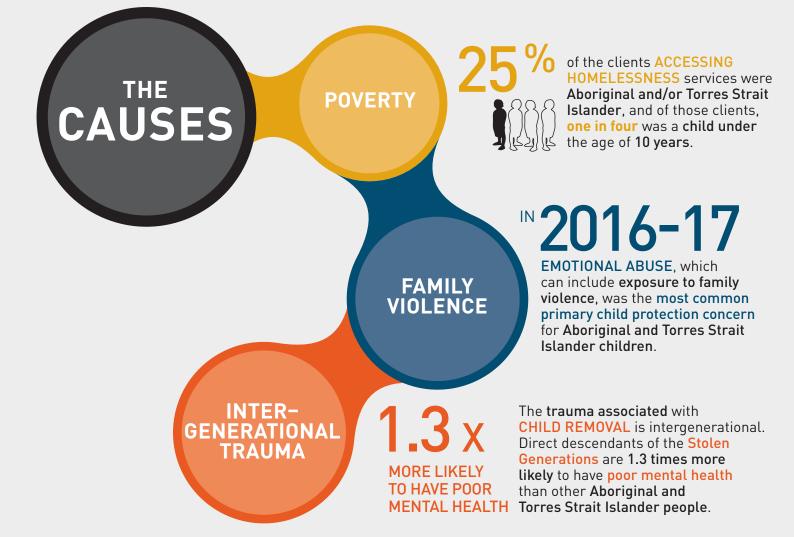
## family members or carers. 7 X MORE permanent care TO BE order until aged 18

X MORE Grow up in OOHC

and at risk of permanent separation from their families, cultures and communities.

than non-Indigenous children. Less than

HALF of these children were living with **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** 



ARE 2.5 X MORE LIKELY TO BE DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 5 year olds are 2.5 times more likely to be developmentally delayed. And yet they are accessing early childhood education and care at half the rate of non-Indigenous children.

ENSURING THE BEST START IN LIFE





THE BULK OF FUNDING IS USED TO REACT TO **PROBLEMS** RATHER THAN SOLVE THEM.

In 2016-17 only **17%** of overall child protection

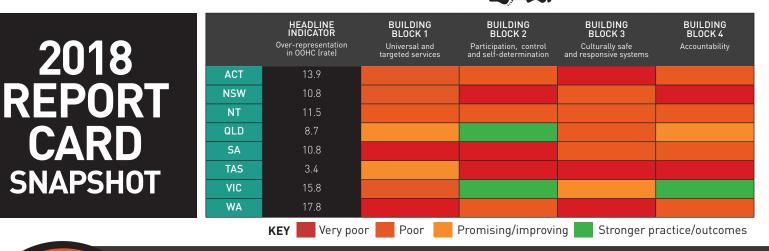
funding was invested in support services for children and their families, while 83% was invested in child protection services.

**INVESTING** IN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

ONLY two states (Vic & Qld) have a statewide program to support Aboriginal families to participate in child protection decisions. Only the same two states have agreed on a comprehensive strategy to improve outcomes for children that is overseen by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives.

#### **PROGRESS TO TURN** THE TIDE ON OVER-REPRESENTATION

#### PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING





CARD

**SNAPSHOT** 

WE CALL UPON the Council of Australian Governments to work in partnership with SNAICC and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders across the country, to develop a generational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Strategy to eliminate over-representation in out-of-home care and address the causes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child removal.