

# Syphilis in North Queensland

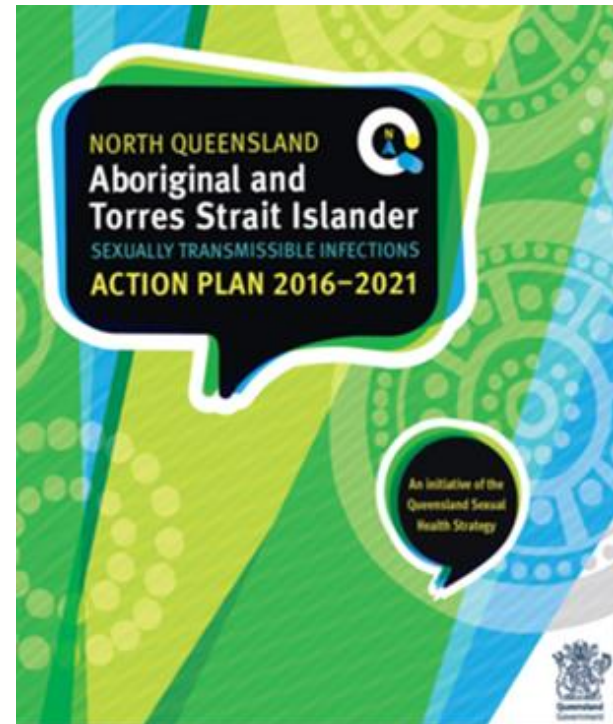
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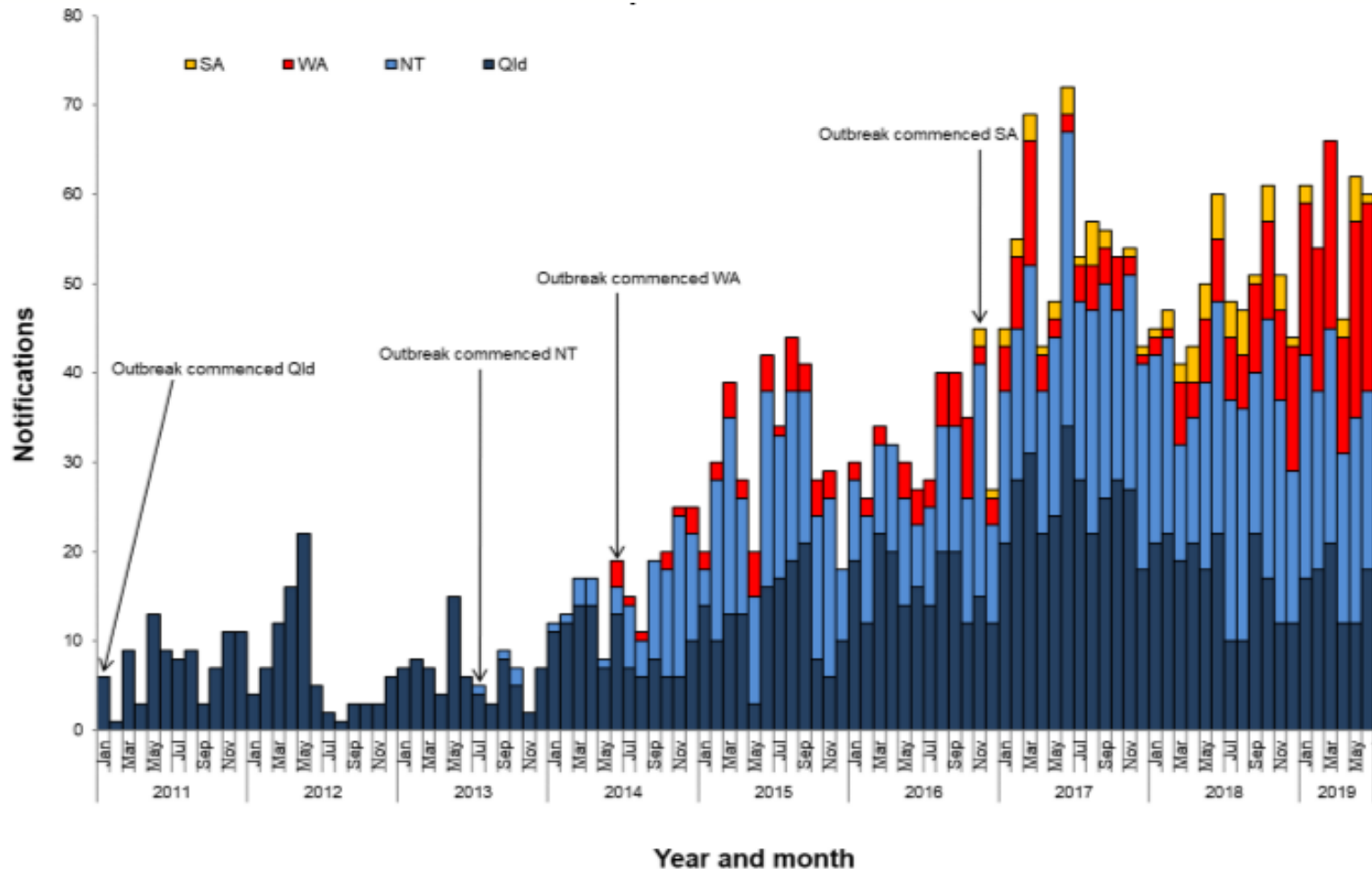
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# Overview

- Northern Australian outbreak
- NQ epidemiology
- Action Plan

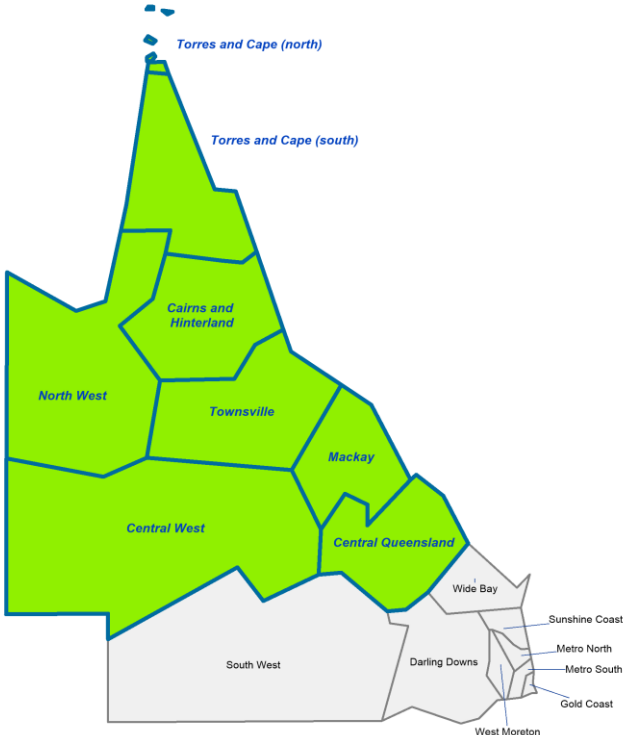
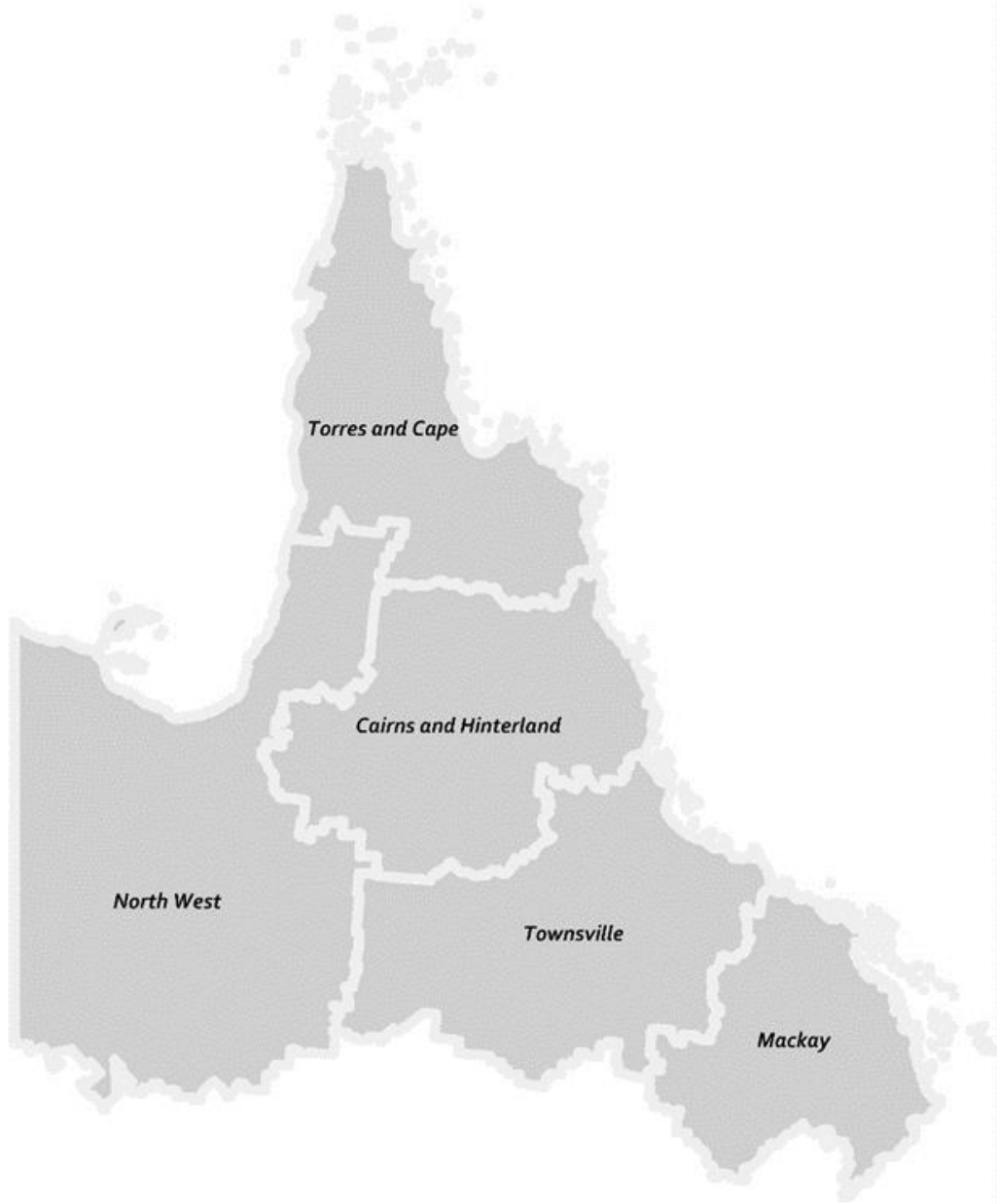


Category 1 infectious syphilis outbreak cases notified in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people residing in affected regions of Queensland, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and South Australia from commencement of the outbreak in each jurisdiction to 30 June 2019



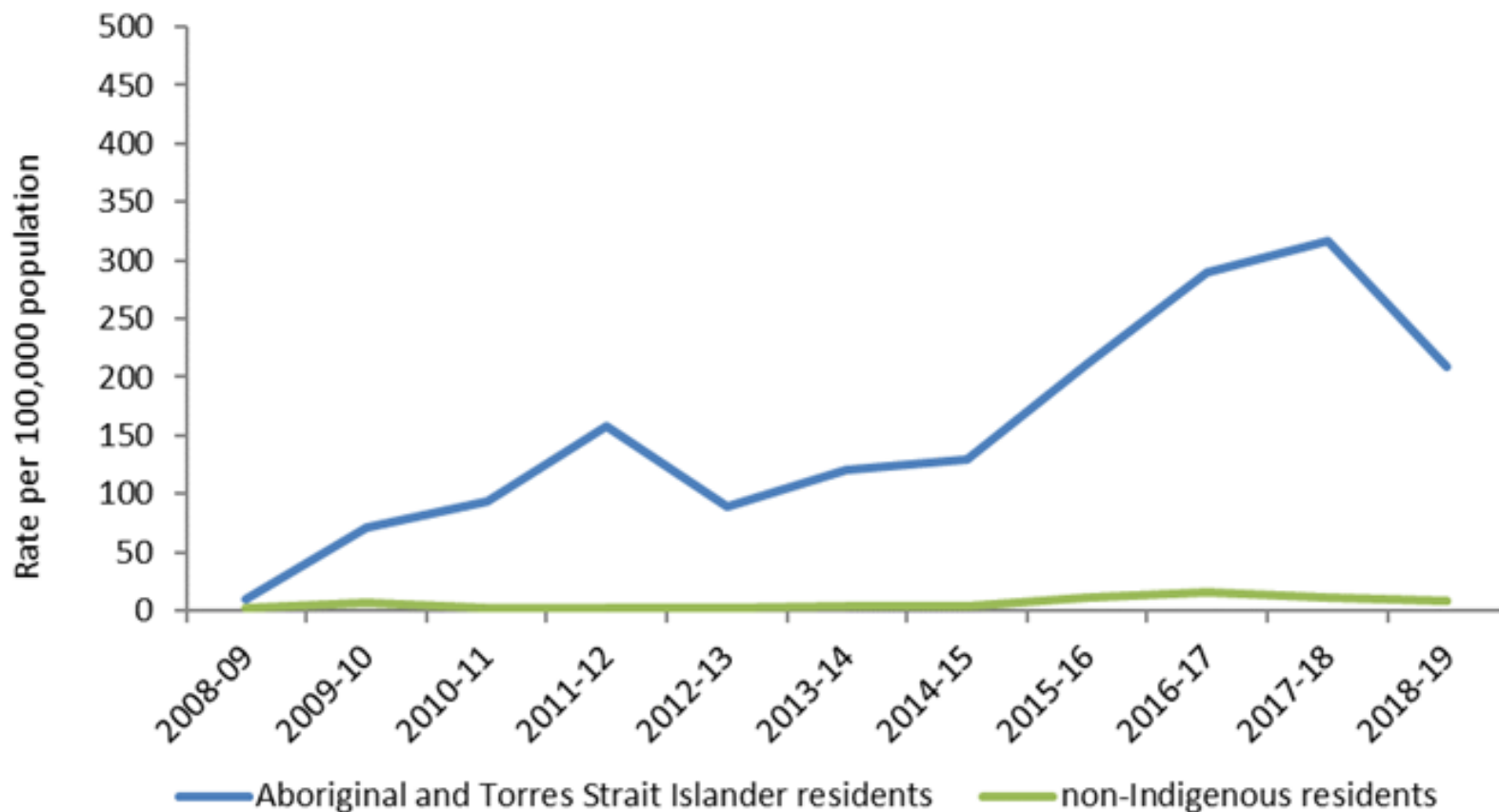
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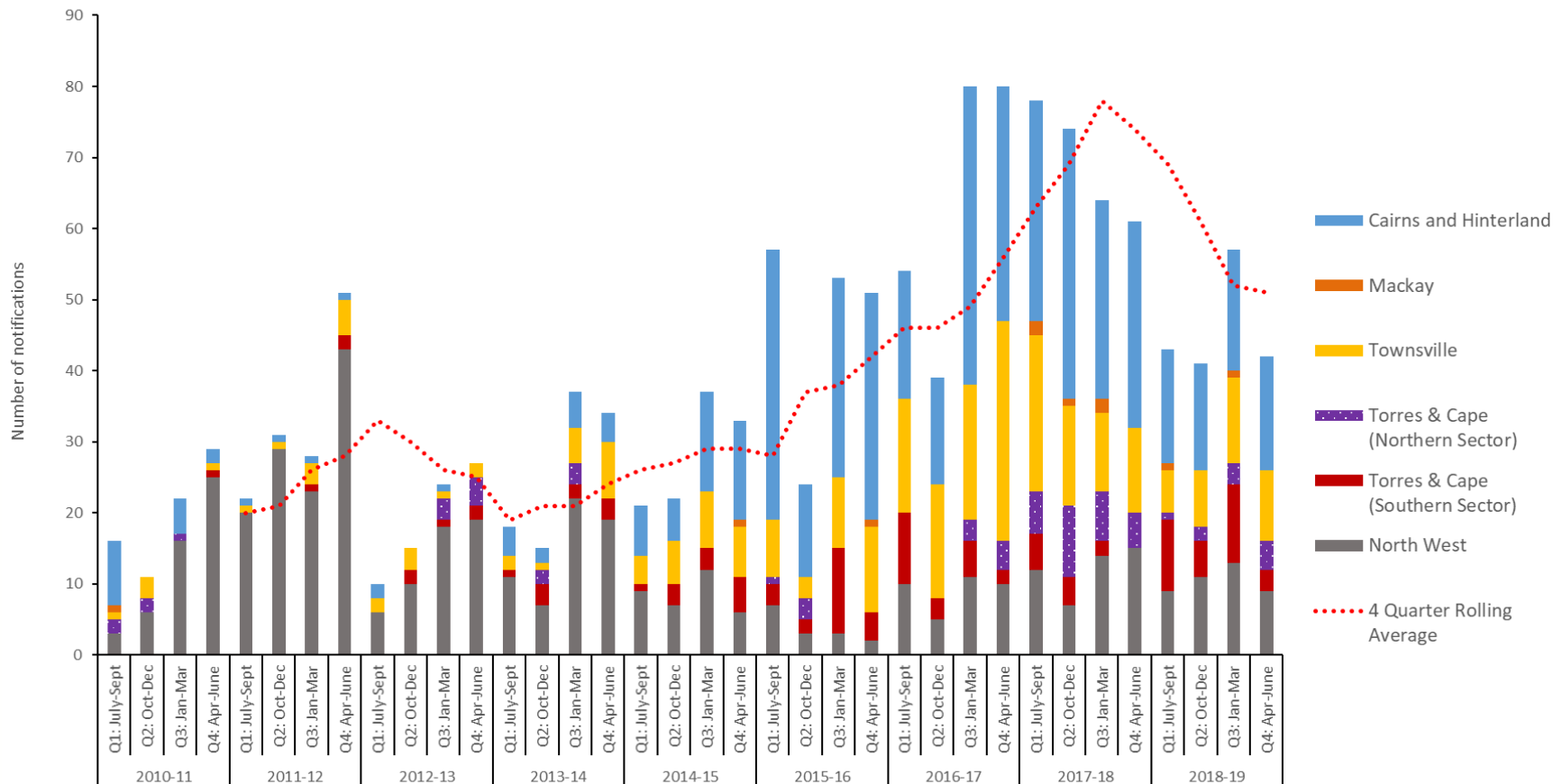


# Crude population rate of infectious syphilis notifications by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status, north Queensland, 2008-09 to 2018-19

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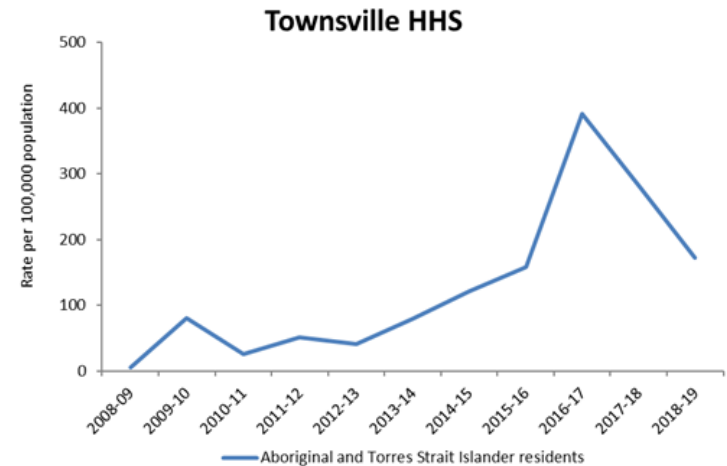
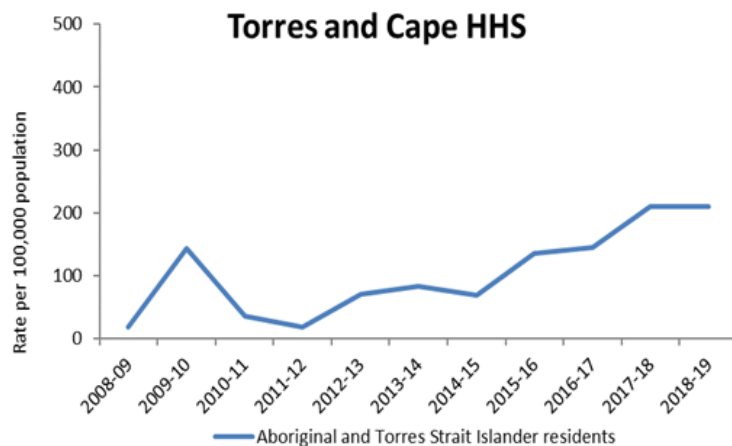
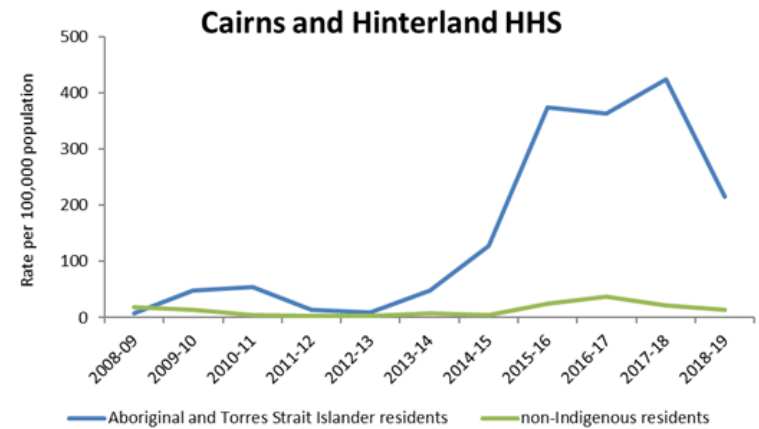
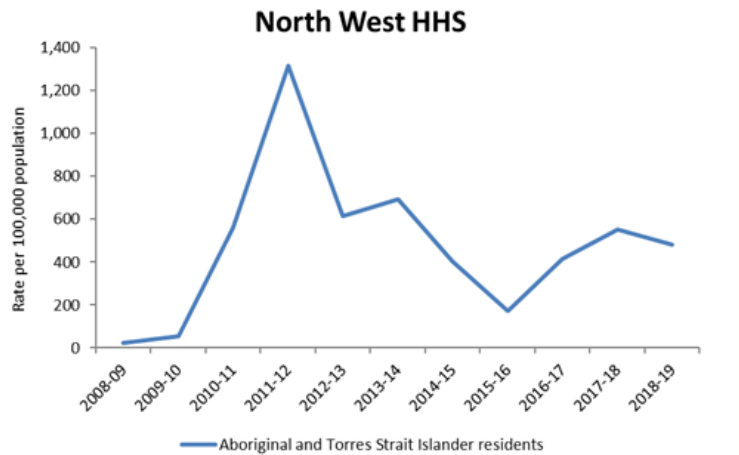


# Quarterly number of notifications of infectious syphilis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by HHS, North Queensland, 2010 to 30 June 2019



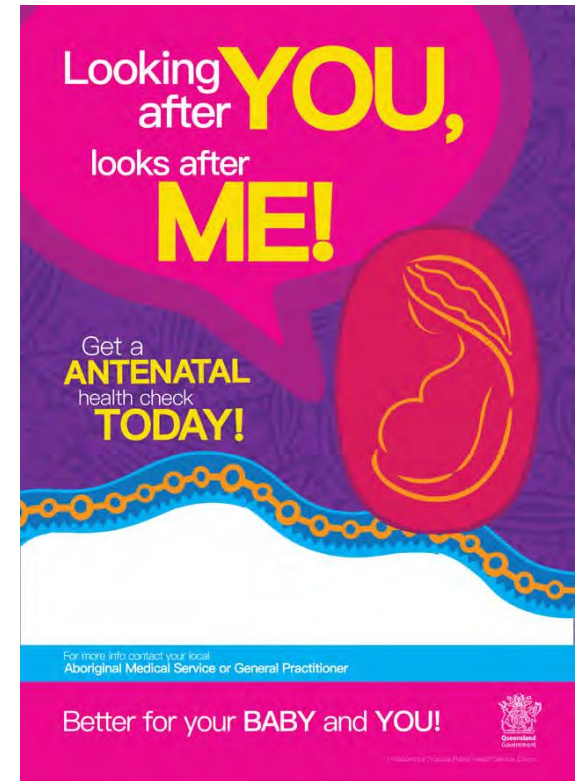
Note: 4 Quarter Rolling Average represents the average notifications for the previous 4 quarters

# Crude population rate of infectious syphilis notifications by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status and Hospital and Health Service, north Queensland, 2008-09 to 2018-19



# North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander STI Action Plan

- Regional approach
- Promotion and prevention
- Testing and treatment
- Better health services
- Monitoring and evaluation
  
- Challenges
  - to attain enough testing, raise awareness
  - large geographical region
  - mobile population
  - staff retention and recruitment
  - temporary funding





# In conclusion...

- Making progress
- Focus on sustainable approaches beyond 2021

## Acknowledgements

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