

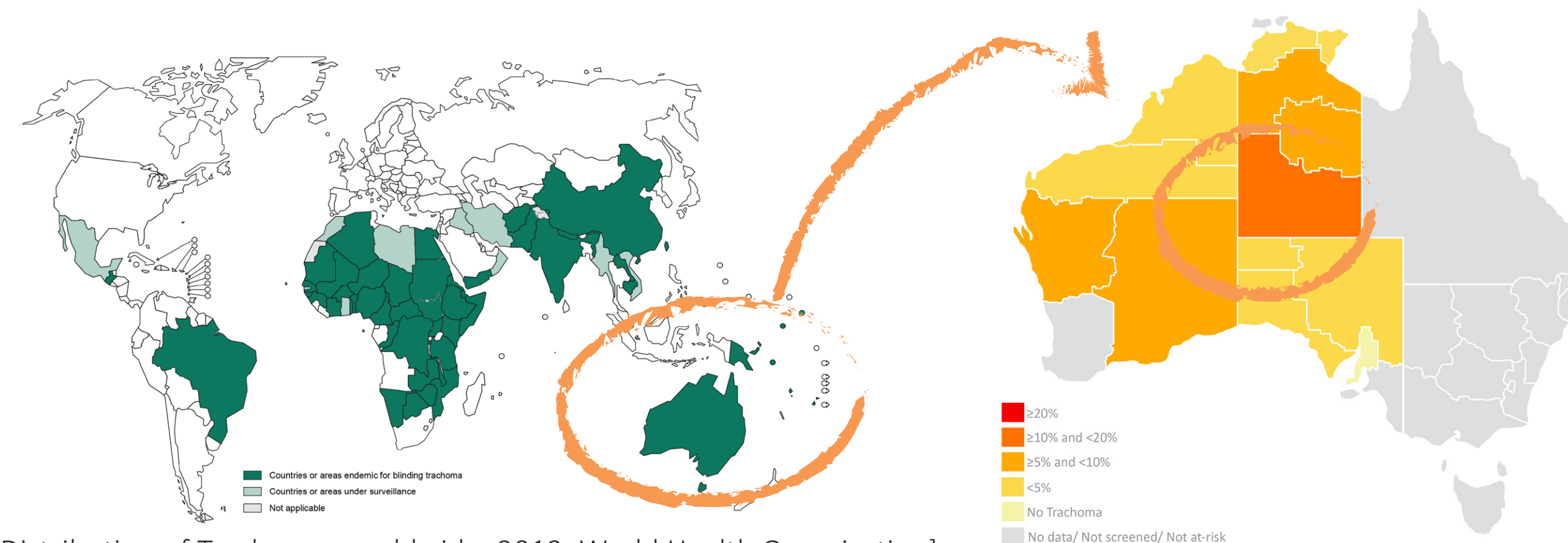
# Working Together in the Northern Territory, South Australia and Western Australia: Intersectoral partnerships for improving environmental conditions to prevent trachoma and other infectious diseases

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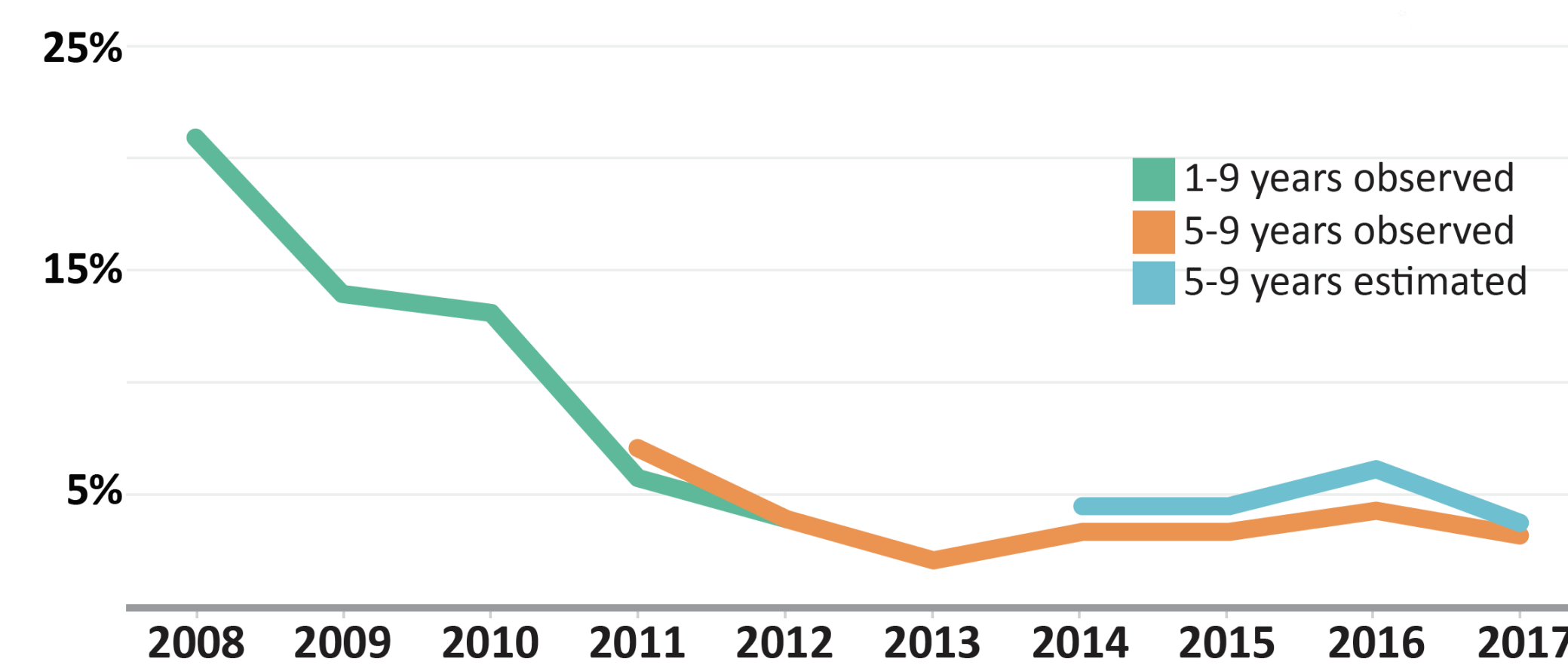
CLEAN FACES, STRONG EYES!



## Trachoma in Australia... Going, Going, but not Gone!



## Reported Prevalence of Trachoma in Children

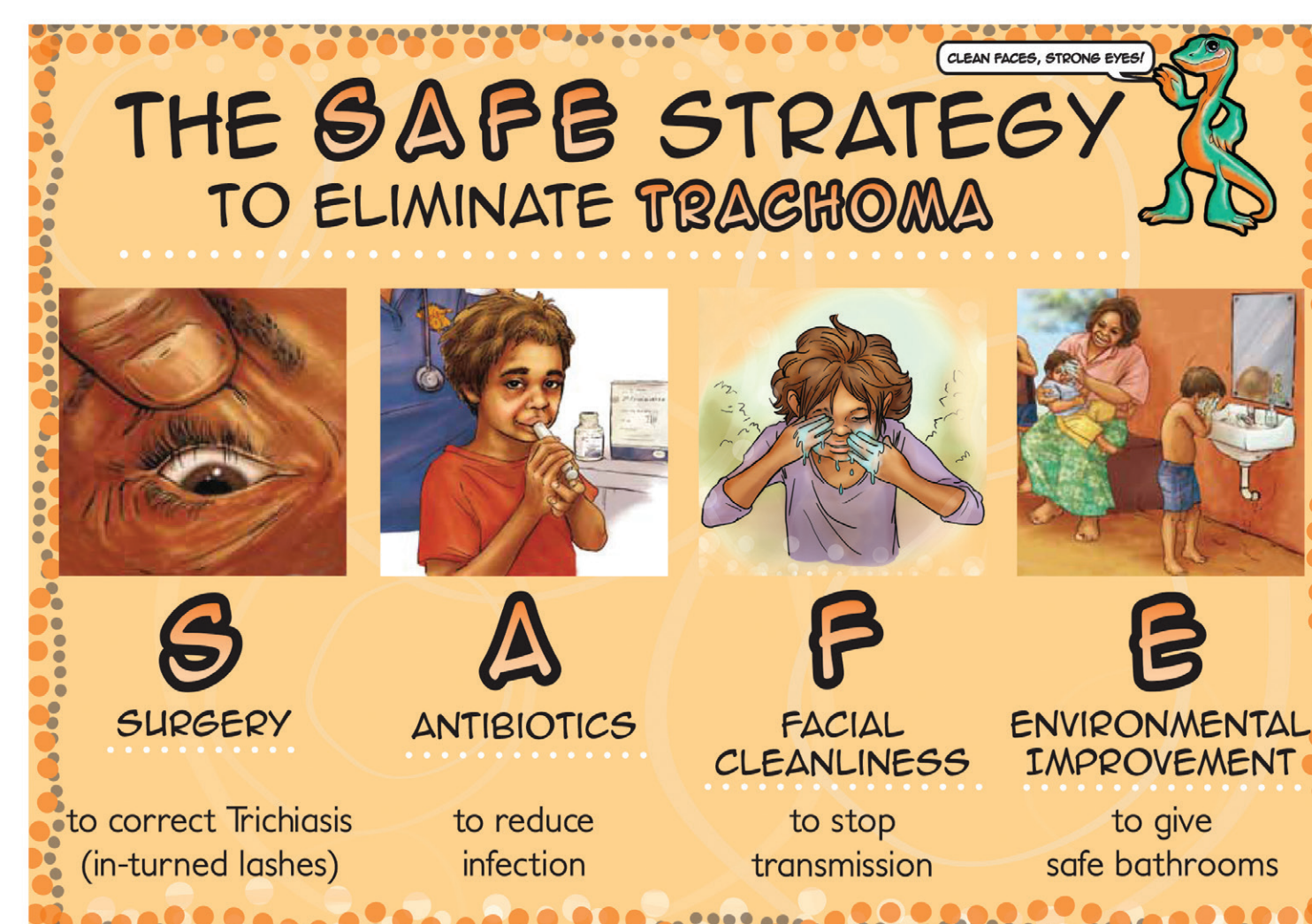


| Progress Indicators                    | 2008   | 2017   |
|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Number of hotspots (>20%)              | 54     | 17     |
| Number of communities without trachoma | 27/233 | 50/130 |

[ATSR 2018]

Australia is the only developed country with endemic trachoma and is a signatory to the WHO agreement to eliminate blinding trachoma by 2020 (GET2020) using the four-part SAFE Strategy.

Australia has been doing well on the S and A but more work is needed on the full implementation of the WHO SAFE strategy emphasising 'clean faces' (the F) and 'safe bathrooms' (the E) - which is a focus of the environmental health working group and other sectors outside of health.



## The Road to Sustainable Elimination

### Indigenous Eye Health Priorities 2019

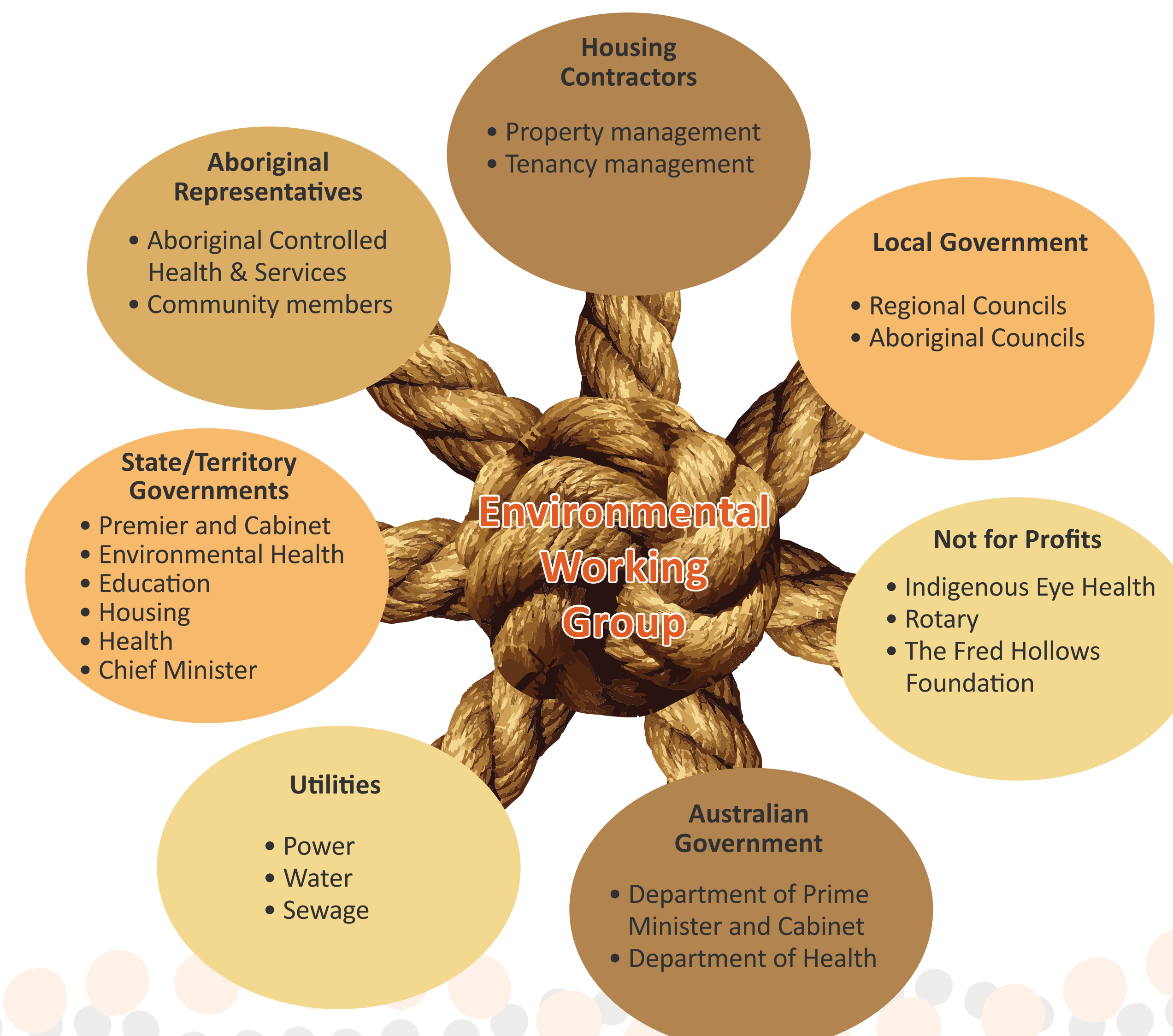
Facilitating Intersectoral collaboration & advocacy for change across three jurisdictions

Working with trachoma partners, community-controlled health organisations and community members

Collaborating with Departments of Education and Health

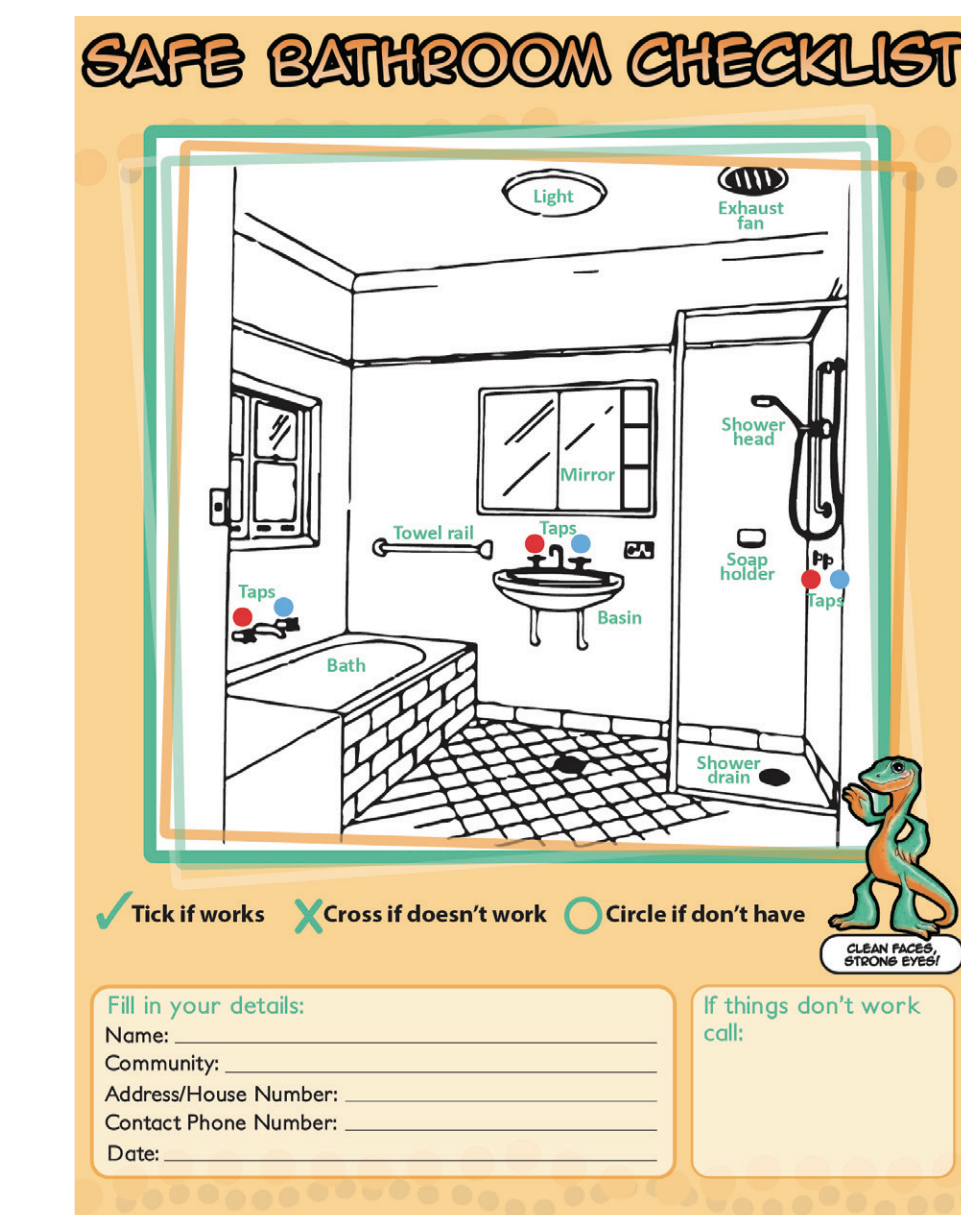
Working with the housing repair and maintenance and health sector

Continuing with health promotion through sport, music, dance and art and social marketing with Indigenous media partners



## Working Group Successes So Far...

### Resources for Education & Housing



### Housing Maintenance Contractors



### Upgraded School Infrastructure



Upgraded face-washing infrastructure in the Titjikala school.

Similar infrastructure upgrades completed in 8 other schools.

### Stronger Partnerships

