

# **ORIGINS OF PERSISTING POOR ABORIGINAL HEALTH**

## **An Historical Exploration of Poor Aboriginal Health and the Continuities of the Colonial Relationship as an Explanation of the Persistence of Poor Aboriginal Health**

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Abstract

The thesis examines the history of Central Australia and specifically the development of health services in the Northern Territory. The continuing colonial relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia are explored as a reason for the persistence of poor Aboriginal health status, including the cycle of self destructive behaviours. It provides an explanation of the importance of community agency to address community problems, and the potential of community controlled Aboriginal health services as vehicles for such community action.

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