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2012 HSC - Aboriginal Studies

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Sample 3 Question 12(b)

Today, there are many organisations helping improve the health of indigenous people, although it needs to start by keeping indigenous people in school, getting educated and collecting skills so they know how to look after themselves properly and feed themselves properly too.

The ~~Primary~~ 'Closing the Gap' campaign is a government run organisation which helps to improve the life expectancy, mortality rates, education of young indigenous people and year 12 by 2020.

This program is a very effective initiative for improving their socioeconomic status.

The most important initiative they are doing is ensuring early childhood education which is extremely important. This is because they need to be taught at an very early age & how to properly

look after themselves so they have the proper care, nutrition and diet. This then improves health status of Indigenous people and prevents diabetes, kidney and lung failure, and brings the health status of Indigenous people up a huge amount. AIME is another program helping Indigenous students stay in school and become educated. They have a mentoring system where university students help high school students stay in school and become more educated. This also <sup>effectively</sup> improves Indigenous health because they are becoming a lot more educated and learning how to provide for their needs.

The Yuin people are involved in many programs educating them on how to look after themselves and ~~the~~ AIME are coming down to Beja to improve and keep Indigenous people in school.

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The three Affiliated tribes in North Dakota are also going through a similar situation.

Although the Native Americans have a much higher life expectancy than Australian Indigenous they also have initiatives taking place to improve health and socio-economic status.

The life expectancy of Native Americans are 7-12 years which is much better than the Australian <sup>Indigenous</sup> life expectancy 13-20 years lower.

The health campaign in North Dakota is improving the health of Native Americans and they aim to improve the health status, education and mortality rates.

These initiatives are ~~extremely~~ <sup>extremely</sup> important and significant in improving health and socioeconomic status of Yuin Indigenous Australians, the Lardil people going through the same situation and the ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> Affiliated tribes of North Dakota.

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