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(a) The current status of health of indigenous Australians (IA) is extremely poor in comparison to non-indigenous Australians (NIA). Despite Federal, State and local government initiatives to improve health the Yarrabah community near Cairns, Queensland ~~is~~ <sup>(NIA)</sup> described in 2008 as the 'most disadvantaged local government'. <sup>their diabetes rate is 3x Australian average</sup> Currently in Yarrabah there is approximately 11 people per dwelling, which leads the IA to suffer the health risks associated with overcrowding which lead to poor hygiene, nutrition etc. <sup>Heart disease is 6x</sup> The <sup>average</sup> income for an IA in Yarrabah is 55% of the Australian mean; ~~so~~ they are unable to provide healthy foods and appropriate care for the family. The fact that there is currently an alcohol management plan, suggests that the community is at risks of health issues due to poor diet, like obesity. <sup>Life expectancy is 71 female 57 male</sup> This is similar to the Sioux Indians in Pine Ridge, South Dakota who have an alcohol ban for similar reasons.