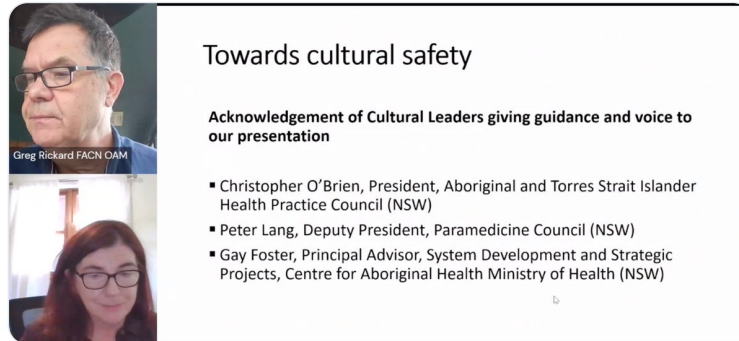




Dr Bethne Hart and Adj Prof Greg Rickard in current sessions stream Social Impact discussing their work on cultural safety and professional regulation [#NNF2021](https://twitter.com/NNF2021).

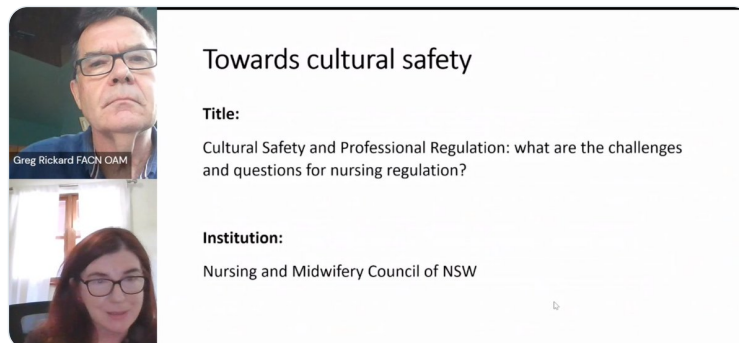


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Acknowledgement of Cultural Leaders giving guidance and voice to our presentation

- Christopher O'Brien, President, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Council (NSW)
- Peter Lang, Deputy President, Paramedicine Council (NSW)
- Gay Foster, Principal Advisor, System Development and Strategic Projects, Centre for Aboriginal Health Ministry of Health (NSW)

They explain how the National (Regulation) Scheme's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health & Cultural Safety Strategy 2020-25, highlights that cultural safety is determined by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families & communities. [#NNF2021](https://twitter.com/NNF2021)

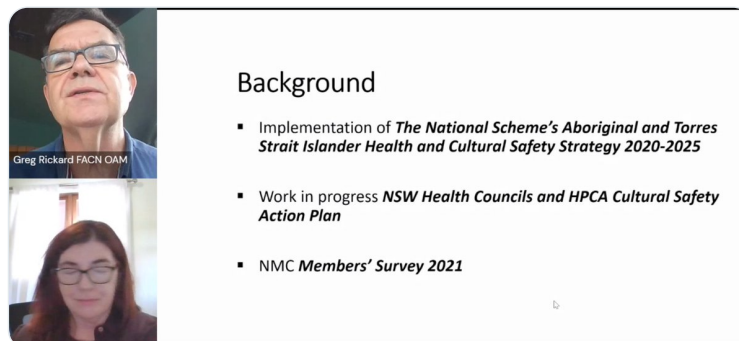


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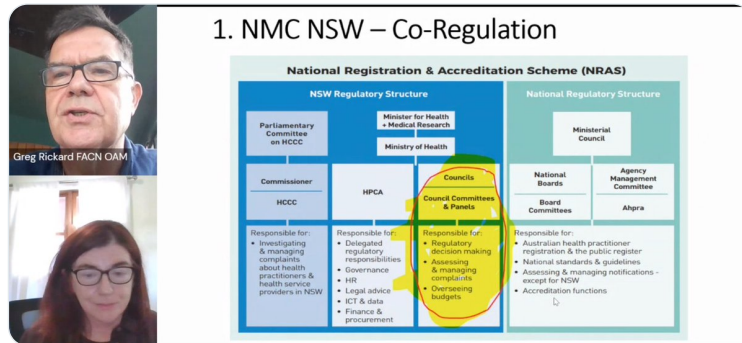
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Background

- Implementation of *The National Scheme's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy 2020-2025*
- Work in progress *NSW Health Councils and HPCA Cultural Safety Action Plan*
- *NMC Members' Survey 2021*

Dr Hart sharing stories of Aboriginal people receiving poor care and neglect within our health system - with devastating and tragic results. These stories highlight how cultural safety is an important determinant of health - without it people needlessly suffer and die. [#NNF2021](#)

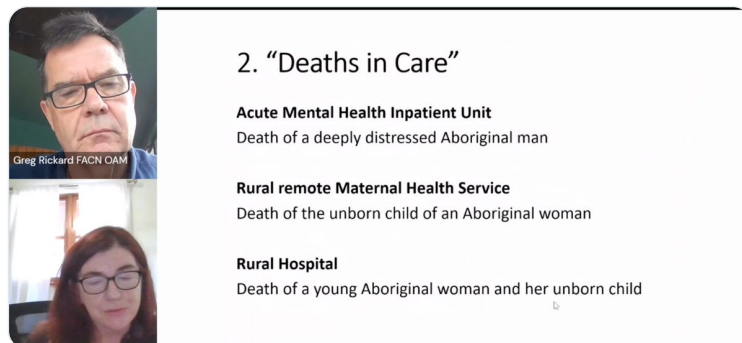


Hart emphasises the importance of truth telling and critical reflection in building cultural safety. [#NNF2021](#)

Rickard says that in none of the cases they looked at patients' Aboriginality was recorded - also their complexity and care needs were not addressed. [#NNF2021](#)

"Aboriginal people were seeking care, their needs were ignored, they were victimised" Rickard says, "This is why Aboriginal people avoid health services. There was a failure to acknowledge cultural differences and include their families in their care."

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Practitioners were all experienced and well educated. These people sought help - some repeatedly - they were ignored and traumatised when trying to access care.

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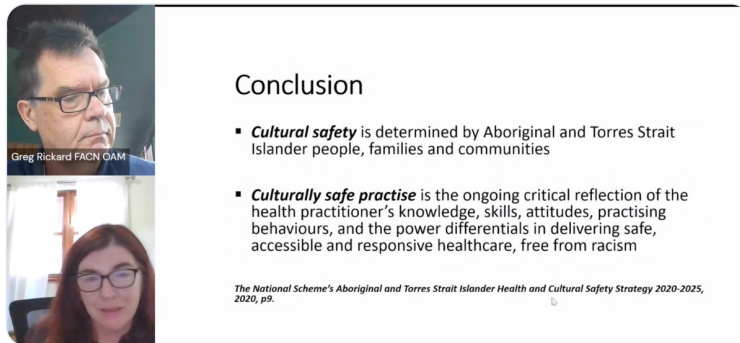
Hart discusses how cultural safety intersects with regulatory processes "we need collaboration with cultural leaders to ensure regulatory practices are culturally safe" she says. [#NNF2021](#)

"We have national schemes - but we need more cultural safety training. We all have a responsibility to understand our own unconscious bias and racism, when care is unsafe we should challenge organisations and individuals," Rickard says [#NNF2021](#)

"We also need more Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people in regulatory decision making and increased access to culturally safe and regulated services."

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Rickard and Hart propose a community of interest for cultural safety in nursing regulation - including a series of education programs. They also mention keynote address today on Regulating the practice of Nursing and Midwifery by Tanya Vogt" [#NNF2021](#)



Conclusion

- **Cultural safety** is determined by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families and communities
- **Culturally safe practise** is the ongoing critical reflection of the health practitioner's knowledge, skills, attitudes, practising behaviours, and the power differentials in delivering safe, accessible and responsive healthcare, free from racism

The National Scheme's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy 2020-2025, 2020, p9.

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