

# Identifying CALD people accessing AOD treatment:

## How good are the current indicators?

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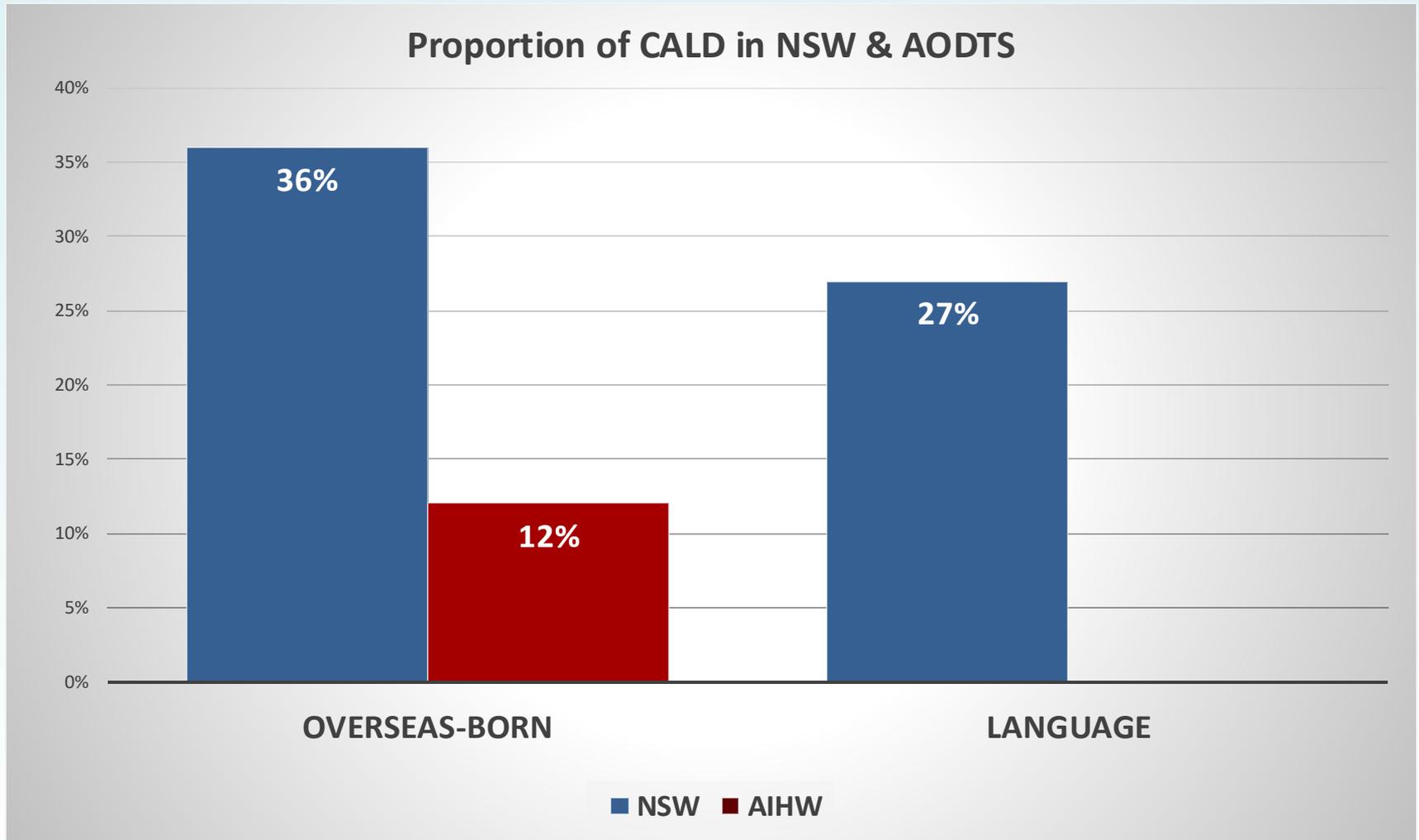
# Acknowledgement

- I would like to acknowledge the Gadigal people as Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting here today. We extend this acknowledgement to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.
- For this study, we acknowledge our members and the CALD people who access their services – their data, their story.



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# Why it matters?



# Data source, NADAbase

- National and NSW Minimum Data Set (2000)
- Client Outcome Measurement System (2010)
- Gender and sexuality data items (2016, 2023)
- Risk screeners (2017) – FDV, Suicide, BBV
- Nicotine dependence (2017)
- ATOP (2019)
- Pregnancy status & children (2025)
- Under review or being considered:
  - Update risk screeners
  - Culture (First Nations and CALD)

**NADA**  
network of alcohol and other drugs agencies

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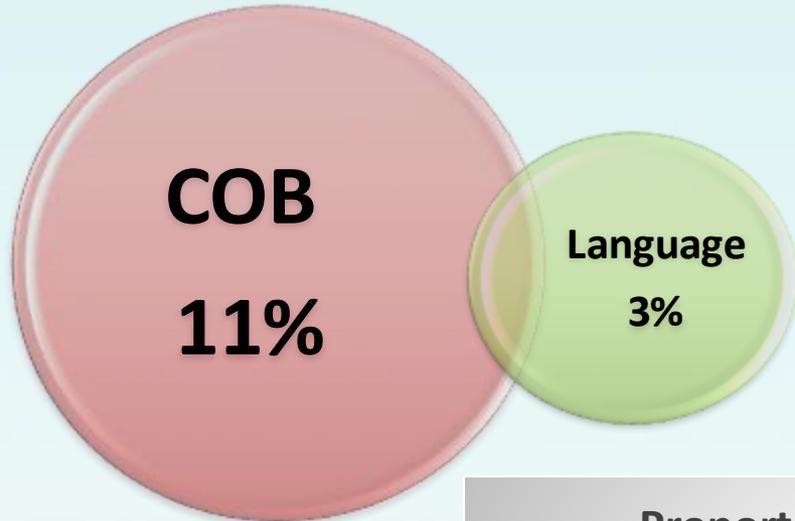
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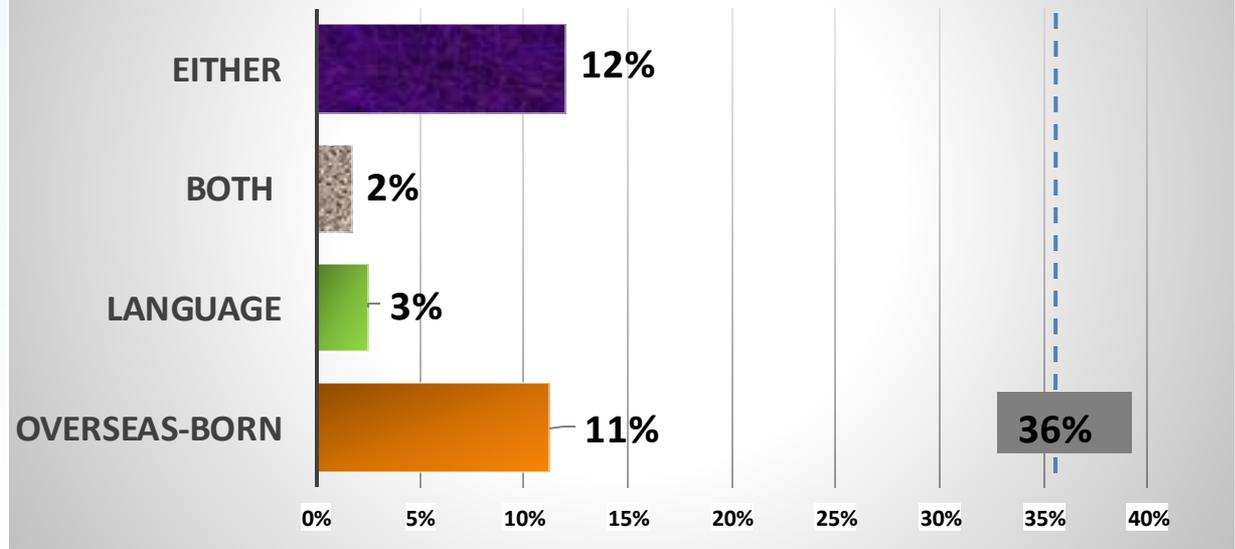
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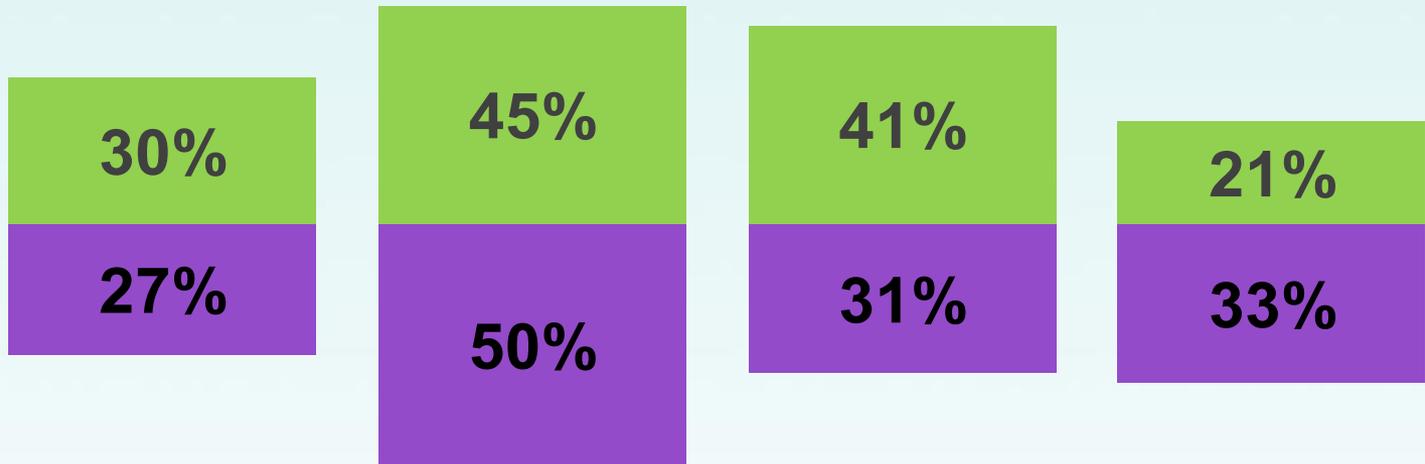
# What did we find?



Proportion of episodes using different CALD indicators, NSW for FY2020-25, N=127,900



# Overseas-born (11%, n=14,383) vs Language (2%, n=3,194)



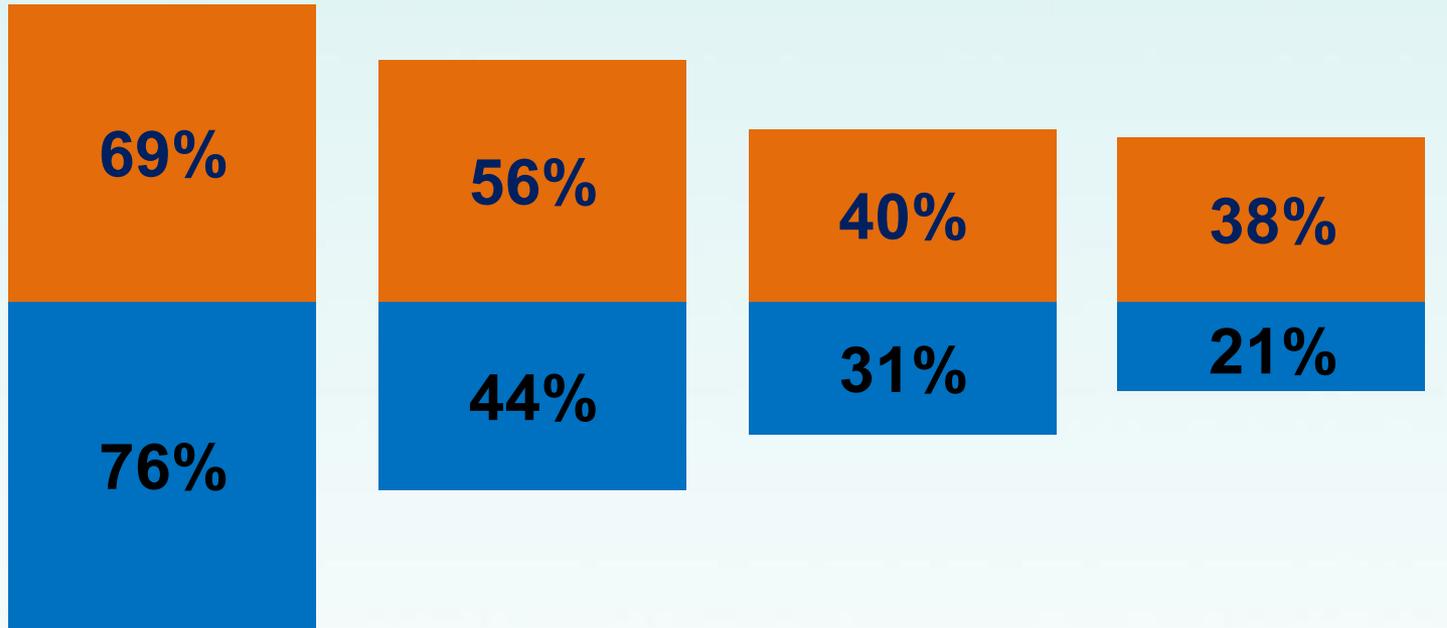
Woman

Counselling  
as main  
treatment

Alcohol

Referred by  
criminal  
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system

# Either (12%, n=15,466) vs Both (2%, n=2,111)



Man

Counselling  
as main  
treatment

Alcohol

Referred by  
criminal  
justice  
system

# What's next?



- CALD populations likely **underrepresented** in AOD treatment data due to narrow indicators
- To make these **indicators helpful**, we must **co-design** CALD indicators **with communities and service providers**

**“If we can’t see CALD clients in the data, we can’t deliver culturally responsive care.”**