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## **'gettin em n keepin em': A Twenty Year Evaluation**

### **Abstract**

In 2002 a report titled 'gettin em n keepin em' was compiled by the Indigenous Nursing Education Working Group established by the then Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and the Australian Congress of Deans of Nursing. The Report made 32 recommendations for nursing education in Australia focusing on the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Indigenous nurses and the Cultural Safety of non-indigenous Nurses. This address examines the role of Nursing education standards in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Nursing and Midwifery education towards improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healthcare.

### **Biography**

Professor Roianne West *Kalkadoon, Mitakooda and Djaku-nde Peoples*  
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Professor West has over 25 years of experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and cultural safety education and recently awarded Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy for her sustained and effective record of impact at a strategic level in relation to teaching and learning.

Professor West is Griffith University's School of Nursing and Midwifery's' Foundation Professor for First Peoples Health and CEO of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives. Professor West is committed to Nursing and Midwifery workforce reform in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healthcare including increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives and the cultural safety of the non-Indigenous Nurses and Midwives.