Recent significant publications (since 2004)

Scholarly book chapters


Refereed journal articles


Other Scholarly publications


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9. Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group that oversaw the production of the inaugural National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy May 2013 (Commonwealth of Australia).
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11. Chair of the Steering Committee for the creation of a new National Representative Body that produced the report “Our future in our hands” – creating a sustainable National Representative Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (Australian Human Rights Commission: Sydney, August 2009).


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