

Lesley Podesta



Lesley came to the not-for-profit sector after undertaking a number of senior roles in the Australian government—she was the head of the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health for nearly five years, and among many other innovations, introduced the Nurse Family Partnership to Australia with Professor David Olds. She also led the development of the Australian government National Incident Room, and more recently, worked with The Fred Hollows Foundation as their head of Global Partnerships and Advocacy. Lesley is also a visiting Fellow at the School of Population Health at Melbourne University, working on the 1,000 Days Project—an examination of the first three years of Indigenous children’s lives.