Reviewer's report

Title: A pilot study of Aboriginal health promotion from an ecological perspective

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Please number your comments and divide them into

- Major Compulsory Revisions

A more pressing concern is the Aims section that describes the state-government funded program, but goes on to say that in practice the aims were modified: how were they modified exactly? And what is the rationale for the study aims to pilot the ecological measures? This needs to be explained as it does not flow logically from the proposed aims of the state program.

- Minor Essential Revisions

The author can be trusted to make these. For example, missing labels on figures, the wrong use of a term, spelling mistakes.

• proper of use of "that" and "which" (the word which is misused throughout the document
• spelling mistakes (principle should be principal)
• awkward wording (Background: 3rd par, 1st sentence; Aims: 2nd par, first sentence,
• Coding chain: HP-[IND-IND]-IND should be HP-[IND-IND] - the additional IND is redundant since the ultimate target is included in the bracketed INDs
• Table 4: I count only 5 unique strategies - not 6
• citations in support of Participatory Research are not primary sources - I suggest that co-author M. Cargo be consulted on this point

- Discretionary Revisions

These are recommendations for improvement which the author can choose to ignore. For example clarifications, data that would be useful but not essential.

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Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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