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MAJOR PARTIES SILENT ON INDIGENOUS DEATH TOLL

Democrats SA Senate candidate Ruth Russell has described the major parties silence on indigenous health as a form of apartheid.

"An indigenous Australian will die 17 years sooner than a non-indigenous Australian. That is a shorter life span than someone from Nigeria or Bangladesh."

"That is a disgrace in one of the worlds richest countries."

"John Howard has had 11 years to address this issue but spending on indigenous health has declined in the last two budgets."

"Kevin Rudd did not even mention indigenous health in his major election policy speech."

"Our acceptance of the indigenous health crisis is a form of apartheid. We would not accept this with any other group of Australians," said Ms Russell.

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