



## **The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP**

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#### **Streamlined Support for Aboriginal Community Health Services**

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Ken Wyatt says a new Network Funding Agreement will streamline the provision of \$20 million a year in health service support through the National Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisation (NACCHO).

The unified funding arrangements, signed on Friday, will allow the Commonwealth to work better with Australia's peak indigenous community health organisation.

"This is fundamental to the Turnbull Government's policy of partnership, our commitment to doing things with, not to, the indigenous community," said Minister Wyatt.

"Under the agreement, NACCHO will receive the funding and will form a collaborative network with its State and Territory counterpart organisations to finance and support local health services.

"The agreement provides the network with funding certainty, allowing organisations to plan for the future and improve their effectiveness."

Minister Wyatt said the agreement was focussed on outcomes, allowing service funding to be administered through an Aboriginal-controlled agency.

"I have been hearing from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about the kind of care they want, and this agreement will help deliver it," he said.

"We know that strong, Aboriginal-administered care plays a pivotal role in improving health outcomes, but it can face challenges supplying services on the ground.

"This new approach will allow service providers to access the assistance they need to enable them to deliver crucial, quality care to their clients."

Minister Wyatt said the new network would also ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices were heard clearly at all levels of health administration.

"The aim is to streamline funding and communication, to continue our shared commitment to Closing The Gap," he said.

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