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Transition to community control model positions West Arnhem for greater health benefits

The Turnbull Government will invest almost half a million dollars to support the transition of four health clinics across the Northern Territory's West Arnhem region to a community control health service .

Minister for Indigenous Health, Ken Wyatt AM, said the opportunity to develop tailored, community administered services aimed to further improve local health, through more inclusive and culturally comfortable care.

"The West Arnhem Indigenous community faces the challenges of a widely dispersed population across a remote area," Minister Wyatt said.

"Supporting the local Red Lily Health Board to transition four government-run clinics to community control will help empower people to take the lead on targeted health care, along with broader approaches to community wellbeing."

The \$475,000 Red Lily investment is part of the Turnbull Government's 3-year, \$11.9 million commitment to improve health service delivery in high-needs communities across the Northern Territory.

The funding will support the work of a transition manager and community liaison officer, the creation of local health advisory groups and the establishment of governance systems for the health services.

"Closing the gap between the average health of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is a top priority," said Minister Wyatt.

"There are many examples across the nation of Aboriginal community controlled services achieving strong health gains, and I wish Red Lily well in its important work."

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