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F: Narooma capital works

On 30 June 2010, the Department entered into a funding agreement with Health Administration Corporation (NSW Health) for a funding contribution of \$2m (GST exc.) towards the construction of a new purpose-built primary health care facility in Narooma for Katungul. The agreement includes a further \$2m from NSW Health and a contribution from Katungul on the sale of the existing Narooma clinic.

The Department has been advised by NSW Health that the proposed Local Aboriginal Land Council land on which the clinic was to be built can not be secured as it is now subject to land claim by the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council in Narooma. This has indefinitely delayed the project.

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In terms of commitment to Katungul and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the region, the Australian Government and the New South Wales Government have both recently provided \$2 million each for the construction of a new health service facility for Katungul at Narooma. Work on the new building is yet to commence but when completed it is expected it will provide a modern, purpose built facility that will meet the health service needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living on the Far-South Coast of New South Wales for many years.

This is a significant commitment of funding to the region, the benefits of which will only be fully realised if Katungul works closely and cooperatively with other health services and primary care providers.

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