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Dear s22

I write in regard to the reallocation of \$2 million provided to the NSW Ministry of Health from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing on 30 June 2010 as a contribution towards a new health facility for the Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community & Medical Services (Katungul) in Narooma, NSW.

As you are aware, since the provision of those funds, Katungul went through a period as a "Service of Concern" and the planned capital works project could not proceed. Whilst Katungul now appears to be operating effectively, neither the Centre for Aboriginal Health (CAH) or the NSW Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) believe the organisation will be in a position to proceed with a significant capital works project for some time yet.

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The CAH is seeking permission from OATSIH to redirect the \$2 million previously provided for the Katungul project to the ongoing capital works project at Maari Ma. The CAH believes that this would be an extremely worthwhile investment of Commonwealth funds and would be happy to negotiate a new funding agreement centred on this current project.

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Yours sincerely

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Director  
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