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Minister Roxon & Aboriginal Health Peak Body to work closely

"Minister Nicola Roxon's address to members of Aboriginal health services across Australia at the NACCHO AGM this morning included a welcome commitment to work closely with us on health reform" said Mr Justin Mohamed, Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

"Our members appreciated having both the Health Minister, Nicola Roxon and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon at our meeting in Canberra together for the first time.

"They have both demonstrated under the Rudd and Gillard governments a deep commitment to improving Aboriginal health which we share.

"Our 152 Aboriginal community controlled health services represented at our AGM have almost 40 years experience in providing frontline primary health care in our communities.

"We want to share this experience and build on our relationship with the federal government while we advance the health reform agenda together.

"NACCHO's Annual Members Meeting for Aboriginal community controlled health services across urban, regional and remote Australia is the largest annual national gathering of Aboriginal people involved in community health.

"Over 200 representatives are attending from member health services, their State and Territory peak bodies and from NACCHO the national peak body" Mr Mohamed said.

The Annual members meeting over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday includes forums on Aboriginal Medicare Locals, national health reforms and COAG Aboriginal health initiatives, public health issues in our services, sexual health, cultural safety, closed men's health and women's health sessions, workforce initiatives and improving access to medicines.

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