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Prime Minister Gillard Welcomed by Peak Body for Aboriginal Health

"We look forward to Julia Gillard being a great Australian Prime Minister and a great advocate for advancing Aboriginal health" says Mr Justin Mohamed, Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

"Ms Gillard's time in opposition as shadow health minister is well remembered by Aboriginal people involved in health issues, especially in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services she visited.

"Her willingness to listen to people working on the frontline of Aboriginal primary health care and her appreciation of their valuable work was much appreciated.

"Now as Prime Minister she will be exercising her obvious skills to oversee the whole of government including health.

"Under her Prime Ministership, NACCHO wishes to continue to work with Health Minister Roxon and Indigenous Health Minister Snowdon with the aim of contributing our expertise in Aboriginal Primary Health Care to a partnership in the delivery and design of our community's services.

"We hope to see Prime Minister Gillard continuing Kevin Rudd's commitment to closing the gap in Aboriginal health, including his annual Closing the Gap report in the first sittings of each year.

"We will remember Kevin Rudd for his moving apology to the stolen generations and for his focus within his government and the Council of Australian Governments to closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia" Mr Mohamed said.

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