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The Best Return on (Re)Reshuffled Aboriginal Health

“Having another advocate for Aboriginal health in the government with the reappointment of Warren Snowdon as Indigenous Health Minister should help to maintain the drive to improve our people’s health and services” says Mr Justin Mohamed, Chair of National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), the peak body in Aboriginal health.

“Mr Snowdon is well respected within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services across the nation and we look forward to again working with him.

“However his reappointment must not be a barrier to Health Minister Nicola Roxon publicly advocating for Aboriginal health or both ministers meeting with NACCHO as the representative of over 150 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services nationwide.

“Working with Aboriginal people in partnership to deliver better health services should be seen as major responsibility within the whole Health Portfolio and the Department of Health.

“This responsibility should not be quarantined in one office in the department or exclusively under the one minister as all program areas in the health portfolio affect Aboriginal peoples.

“Now the election period of instability is resolved and we have the same two experienced ministers in health that our members know.

“NACCHO hopes we can now get down to dealing with some serious issues in Aboriginal health.

“The Council of Australian Governments health reforms and reforms in health begun in the last year of the Labor government, especially in primary health care, have major unresolved impacts on our services.

“NACCHO is keen to discuss these reforms with both Minister Roxon and Minister Snowdon,” Mr Mohamed said.

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