



# NACCHO

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

## Media Release

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### Aboriginal Medical Services recognised by SA Government

Dr Mick Adams, chair of NACCHO\*, the national peak body for Aboriginal medical services has congratulated both the South Australian Government and Mr John Singer, chair of the peak Aboriginal Health Council of SA (AHCSA), on his appointment to the South Australian Health Performance Council.

“Mr Singer’s appointment is due recognition by the South Australian government of the importance of having representation of the Aboriginal community controlled health service sector on influential government bodies like the SA Health Performance Council overseeing the operation of the health system” Dr Adams said.

“Involvement of representatives of the Aboriginal community controlled health service sector in providing independent and timely advice to government on primary health care is a important step forward in implementing the national statement of intent\*\* to close the Aboriginal life expectancy gap.

“Mr John Singer brings a wealth of experience to the South Australian Health Performance Council from his involvement as chair of the Aboriginal Health Council of SA and on the board of NACCHO and in the field experience as a health worker in Aboriginal health services in South Australia and as an administrator in health services in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

“Mr Singer is currently Director of the Nganampa Health Council, the largest Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service in remote Australia, covering the Anangu, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunyatjara (APY) Lands in the far north west of South Australia” Dr Adams said.

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\*\*Statement of Intent to ‘Close the Gap’ 14-5-8

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