



Media Alert

12 March 2008

NACCHO's 2008 Budget Submission Launch

Thursday 13 March 11 am to noon
Parliament House Committee Room 2S1
With

- Over 60 **Aboriginal Medical Services** representatives and NACCHO, their peak body,
- Hon **Nicola Roxon** Minister of Health and Aging,
- Hon **Tony Abbott** Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation* (NACCHO), will launch its Equality in Health 2008 Budget Submission (ATTACHED) at Parliament House on Thursday.

NACCHO's 2008 budget submission covers what the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector needs as part of our Aboriginal Health Equality plan.

The Health Equality Plan launched in 2007 is a comprehensive multi-sectoral plan to close the Aboriginal life expectancy gap

NACCHO's 2008 budget submission focuses on necessary investment into Aboriginal primary health care which will make a substantial contribution to closing the gap.

Significant investment into other areas such as housing, education and economic development is also needed if we are to have a serious impact on the health inequalities experienced by Aboriginal Peoples.

***NACCHO** is the national peak body representing over 140 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) otherwise known as Aboriginal Medical Services that deliver comprehensive primary health care services across the country.

The Launch Timetable for Thursday 13 March

11am Opening by MC Ms Elaine Lomas of NACCHO
11:05 Welcome to Country by Traditional Owner Ms Matilda House
11:10 NACCHO Chair Dr Mick Adams - Welcome and introduction
11:15 NACCHO CEO Ms Dea Delaney Thiele presents NACCHO's Budget Submission
11.25 Hon Nicola Roxon Minister of Health and Aging,
11.35 Hon Tony Abbott, shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs
11.45 Dr Mick Adams invites Q&A
Noon Finish

Then over 60 delegates from the NACCHO Board, Affiliates and Aboriginal Medical Services will attend private meetings with members and senators throughout the afternoon

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