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National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

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NACCHO* welcomes Health Secretary's reappointment

Dr Mick Adams, chair of NACCHO, the peak body for Aboriginal medical services, has congratulated Ms Jane Halton on her reappointment as Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

"Ms Halton's extensive knowledge and experience in the health portfolio will be invaluable in implementing the Rudd government's health reform agenda" Dr Adams said.

"With major reforms promised, from the Council of Australian Government process, the new National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission, the new Primary Health Care strategy and initiatives such as the new National Indigenous Health Equality Council, Ms Halton's experience will assist Minister Roxon to steer change in her department.

"Prime Minister Rudd and Minister Roxon have shown the political commitment to closing the gap in Aboriginal health through the Statement of Intent** signed in March but bringing it to fruition will require the skill and experience of the bureaucracy and stakeholders.

"NACCHO, representing the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services sector, looks forward continuing our working relationship with Ms Halton and the government to bring about change" Dr Adams said.

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**Statement of Intent to 'Close the Gap' 14-5-8

http://www.naccho.org.au/Files/Documents/statement_intent%20signed%20copy%2020-3-8.pdf

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