

MEDIA RELEASE

Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association

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Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association welcomes the appointment of the first Indigenous Minister

The Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA) is pleased to welcome the appointment of the Hon. Ken Wyatt AM, MP as the Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health.

We would like to recognise the significance of Minister Wyatt's appointment as the first Indigenous person to be promoted to the ministry and the significance that the Parliament has appointed a Minister for Indigenous Health.

Minister Wyatt said "health outcomes of Indigenous Australians are of paramount importance to me. I am humbled by the opportunity to be the first Indigenous person to be appointed to the Commonwealth Ministry and to be the Minister responsible for such an important portfolio."

AIDA is passionate about improving the health outcomes for Indigenous Australians and we are confident that our goal of growing the number of Indigenous doctors to reach population parity will significantly assist in closing the health gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

AIDA CEO Mr Craig Dukes said "We are excited to meet with Minister Wyatt to discuss equitable health and life outcomes for Indigenous Australians and the cultural wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are excited by Minister Wyatt's appointment because of his extensive experience as a senior public servant in Indigenous health and we are confident that Minister Wyatt will be able to affect real change in such an important area."

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