



## **IAHA Media Release – New Leader for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Allied Health Peak Body**

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Following a competitive recruitment process, Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health peak body, is delighted to announce that Ms Donna Murray is their new Chief Executive Officer.

Donna Murray is a descendant of the Wiradjuri nation of the Murrumbidgee River and of the Wonnarua nation of the Hunter Valley, NSW. Donna has worked in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs for over 25 years within government and community organisations at both state and national levels and is currently undertaking a Masters of Professional Studies in Indigenous Governance.

“Donna brings extensive experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership and governance, management, education and community development to the role,” said Ms Kylie Stothers, IAHA Board Director and Deputy Chairperson. “She has strong relationships and networks within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and related sectors, which will benefit IAHA as we implement our strategic direction. The Board of Directors looks forward to working closely with Donna as she leads IAHA into the future.”

“I am pleased to take on a leadership role within such a dynamic and innovative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation,” said Ms Murray. “Under the direction of the Board of Directors and working closely with our members, I am confident that IAHA can continue to strengthen and support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce and increase the cultural responsiveness of the wider health workforce. I am passionate about improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing through improved access to allied health and believe IAHA can really make a difference.”

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