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IAHA welcome appointment of National Deputy Rural Health Commissioner

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Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA), the peak organisation for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health workforce, welcome the appointment of IAHA member, Associate Professor Dr Faye McMillan as the first of two new Deputy National Rural Health Commissioners.

IAHA look forward to the Deputy National Rural Health Commissioners supporting, advocating for, and driving an agenda which includes the development of workforce, education, training, and service models which are responsive to, and meet the needs of, people living in rural and remote Australia.

IAHA Chief Executive Officer, Donna Murray, congratulated Dr McMillan saying:

“IAHA congratulate Faye on her appointment. We look forward to the commencement of the Deputy National Health Commissioners providing momentum and urgency achieve the transformational changes needed to meaningfully improve access to quality allied health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, families, and communities”.

The release of the report on *Improvement of Access, Quality and Distribution of Allied Health Services in Regional, Rural and Remote Australia* was significant and much needed, containing innovative and culturally responsive strategies to improve access to allied health care in rural and remote Australia.

IAHA continue to work with our members and communities, and the Office of the National Rural Health Commissioner, to ensure that appropriate resourcing and investment is allocated to the implement the recommendations in the report, including the expansion of the IAHA National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Academy.

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