MINISTER FOR HEALTH

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The Royal Flying Doctor Service is an integral part of Australian remote and rural life and has been for 85 years.

Launching a new television advertisement to mark the Service’s 85th anniversary, Health Minister Robyn Lambley said the RFDS is a trusted and valued member of the Territory community.

“As the advertisement shows – the Royal Flying Doctor Service will be with us for life,” Mrs Lambley said.

“It provides the finest care for people from all walks of life and all generations, from pre-natal to the elderly and everyone in between.

“The RFDS not only provides emergency aeromedical services, but also essential primary health services to those who live, work and travel in the bush.

“In the Territory, the Service delivers health care to more than 15,700 people every year.

“The RFDS has been treating Central Australia since 1939 and the Territory Government contributes $3.6 million for the provision of comprehensive aero medical retrieval services.

“These include emergency air medical evacuations, inter-hospital transfers, communications and doctor transport to remote health centres.

“We look forward to the on-going involvement of the Royal Flying Doctor Service in the Northern Territory.”

The Central Australian catchment area includes the Queensland border to the east, 100 nautical miles into Western Australia to the west, Elliott to the north and Maria to the south in South Australia.

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