NT Government Commits to Better Health Services

The NT Government is committed to working with the Commonwealth Government to improve the health of Territorians, Health Minister Kon Vatskalis said today.

“The NT Government supports reform that delivers better health services and better health outcomes for Territorians,” he said.

“The health challenges facing the Territory are unlike the rest of Australia in that we have large remote areas, a dispersed population, and the highest levels of chronic disease particularly in our Indigenous communities.

“Lack of access to GPs and a health workforce in rural and remote areas further adds to these health challenges.”

Mr Vatskalis said a health system that provided better integrated hospital, community and GP services with improved national standards would be supported.

“The proposed changes are significant and will be carefully considered. Our priority remains to ensure Territory people have better health services as part of any reforms.

“The Territory Government will now consider the proposal in detail ahead of the next COAG meeting of the Prime Minister and State and Territory leaders in April.”

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