Gary Higgins, Member for Daly

Robyn Lambley
Minister for Health

Community control plan for health clinic in Wadeye

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Minister for Health Robyn Lambley has committed to helping the Wadeye community transition its health clinic to a community run service.

Mrs Lambley met the Thamarrurr Regional Authority Aboriginal Corporation at Wadeye last week, and gave her support to transferring the Government run health clinic to the community.

“Wadeye community leaders spoke about the community’s desire to lead their health service like they did in the past when there was only one Government nurse and more than 10 Aboriginal health workers,” Mrs Lambley said.

“They talked about the importance of community people working in the health clinic, and creating opportunities for local control.

“This includes pathways for young people to do work experience in the health centre and encourage them into study and employment.

“I am committed to helping the community work towards this.

“The community also feels that by managing the health clinic, they will be able to coordinate all of the outside support services coming into Wadeye, to better meet the health needs of the community.

“During my visit to Wadeye, the Member for Daly Gary Higgins and I also held talks with the Thamarrurr Development Corporation.

“The Corporation is looking at ways it could develop a one-stop business hub in the centre of town.

“It’s envisaged that the business hub would be the place where all Government services and other business enterprises could be based, and would greatly benefit the community.

“Creating a business hub in Wadeye would generate employment and economic opportunities for local people, and the Territory Government is very supportive of this project as part of its plan to develop the north.”
“People in Wadeye want to see jobs for their children, and it is important that we keep working to grow these opportunities in our regional centres.”

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