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John Elferink
Minister for Health

Professorial Fellowship awarded to Chief Executive Officer of Health

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The Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Department of Health, Dr Len Notaras, has been made a Professor of Medicine by one of Australia’s leading universities.

South Australia’s Flinders University has awarded Dr Notaras the title of professorial fellow in the faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

“I congratulate Professor Notaras on this notable achievement and thank him for his dedication to the delivery of high quality health services across the Territory,” Minister for Health John Elferink said.

“This is not only a great honour for Professor Notaras but also for the Territory.

“Day to day Professor Notaras leads a workforce of 5000 plus individuals which deliver health services across the Territory.”

“Professor Notaras was involved in the development and management of the celebrated National Care Critical Response Trauma Centre and he should be incredibly proud of his contribution,” Minister Elferink said.

In his time overseeing the National Trauma Centre he has been front and centre of international disasters including the 2002 and 2005 Bali bombings and most recently the Australian Government response to Typhoon Haiyan which devastated the Philippines in 2013.

Flinders University’s Dean of Medicine, Professor Paul Worley, said the awarding of the professorial fellowship acknowledges Professor Notaras’s outstanding contribution to leadership in health care delivery and medical education.

"Professor Notaras played an instrumental role in the establishment of the Northern Territory Clinical School in 1998, and has continued to advocate for medical education over the subsequent two decades," Professor Worley said.

"His vision for a full NT medical school presence to serve the needs of Territorians is now a reality in the form of the Northern Territory Medical Program, which was recently commended as an outstanding example of socially accountable medical education by the Australian Medical Council."
“Some of Australia’s best clinicians and most esteemed leaders are in the Northern Territory and Professor Len Notaras is one of them.”

In May 2005, Professor Notaras was presented with the prestigious Best Individual Contribution to Healthcare in Australia Award during the AMA National Conference and in 2013 was again honoured with an Order of Australia medal.

Professor Notaras is the Deputy Chair of the NT Medical Board and also Chair of the NT Radiographers Board.

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