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Dear Mr Tully

RE: Institutionalism Racism in South Australia's Local Health Networks

Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network notes the release of the report – Institutionalism Racism in South Australia's Local Health Networks concluding that there is evidence of institutional racism across the 10 South Australian local health networks.

The BHFLHN Governing Board and Executive note the seriousness of this poor result, however were also disappointed that the audit's scope and methodology overlooked many of our services, initiatives and programs dedicated to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

BHFLHN is committed to anti-racism and is undertaking many proactive steps to dismantle any unintended bias, discrimination and disadvantage in every area of our business. For example, the BHFLHN Governing Board and Executive have undertaken an intensive cultural safety training course, which is widely available to all staff, and are commencing implementation planning to fulfil our new status as an official supporter of the 'Racism. It Stops with Me' campaign, to be officially announced in the coming weeks.

Furthermore, the Department of Health and Wellbeing (DHW) has recently released an Expression of Interest for BHFLHN Governing Board candidates with experience in Aboriginal Health to fill any vacancies and create a talent pool.

I wish to affirm our ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes in collaboration with Aboriginal leaders.

Yours sincerely



Carol Gaston AM
Chair
Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network

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cc Dr Chris McGowan, Chief Executive, Department for Health and Wellbeing