



DURRI MEDICAL SERVICE HANDED BACK TO NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Mr Anthony Beven, has today announced the end of the special administration of the Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (Durri). Control of the corporation's affairs has been handed over to a new board of directors.

The new directors are Ms Kerry Wade, Ms Patricia Edwards, Mr Donald Griffen, Ms Nicole Turner and Mr Robert Barnett. In a first for the corporation, there will also be two independent specialist directors, Ms Leah Fricke and Mr David Johnson. The directors were appointed by the special administrator at a ceremony held last week in Kempsey to celebrate the end of the special administration.

Durri is a not-for-profit medical service based in Kempsey. Mr Peter McQuoid was appointed as the special administrator on 28 November 2011 after an examination raised serious concerns about the poor corporate governance and financial management at the corporation. There were also concerns about the misuse of funds by the former CEO.

'The special administration has delivered some very important changes and reforms to get the corporation back to a position where it can continue to provide essential health care services to Aboriginal people in the Nambucca and Macleay Valleys,' Mr Beven said.

During the special administration Durri entered into a Mid North Coast Aboriginal Health partnership agreement. The partnership will aim for a more collaborative and holistic approach to health outcomes for Aboriginal people living in the mid-north coast of New South Wales.

The new CEO of the corporation, Mr Greg Davidson, took up his position on 23 April 2012. ORIC also provided a two-day corporate governance workshop for the incoming directors and other interested people on 23–24 April 2012.

'ORIC will monitor the corporation closely over the next 12 months as it adjusts to its new structure and the new policies and procedures that have been put in place during the special administration,' Mr Beven said.

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