



**Kevin Humphries MP**  
**Minister for Mental Health**  
**Minister for Healthy Lifestyles**  
**Minister for Western NSW**

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**SCOTT McLACHLAN WELCOMED AS NEW HEAD OF  
WESTERN HEALTH SERVICE**

Minister for Mental Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Western NSW, Kevin Humphries, has welcomed the appointment of Scott McLachlan as new Chief Executive of the Western NSW Local Health District.

Mr Humphries said that with his background living and working in Western NSW, Scott brings to the role an understanding of the importance and the challenges of delivering quality regional health services.

“Scott has a strong background in regional health in both the public and private sector, and is a great appointment as the new head of the Western Local Health District,” Mr Humphries said.

“He has held leadership roles in health for the past 16 years, most recently as the Director of Operations for the Hunter New England Local Health District.

“Scott has indicated he is passionate about improving health outcomes for disadvantaged rural people and communities by building strong relationships with clinicians, communities and other health providers throughout the region.

“Another challenge Scott has said he will be focused on in his new role is closing the gap in health outcomes for Aboriginal people in Western NSW, which is an area in which I offer him my complete support.

“I congratulate Scott on his appointment and wish him all the best in carrying on the good work of his predecessors, Dr Pim Allen and Ron Dunham.”

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