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TIME RUNNING OUT TO NOMINATE FOR 2014 NSW ABORIGINAL HEALTH AWARDS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today reminded individuals and organisations that only days remain to nominate for the 2014 NSW Aboriginal Health Awards.

The awards will be presented on November 13 following the NSW Government's Closing the Gap Health Forum in Sydney. Nominations close this Friday.

"The NSW Government is committed to improving health services and outcomes for Aboriginal people," Mrs Skinner said.

"Last year we launched the *NSW Aboriginal Health Plan 2013-2023* to meet the challenge of closing the health gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

"The NSW Aboriginal Health Awards celebrate the achievement of organisations and individuals who deliver high-quality health care to Aboriginal people across NSW.

"It is important we recognise dedicated staff who are delivering high-quality care in urban, rural and remote communities and that we celebrate the innovative programs and services that are making a difference."

Nominations are invited in 11 categories for the 2014 NSW Aboriginal Health Awards.

The awards are open to any health agency in NSW - including Local Health Districts (LHDs) - as well as a private and non-government sector services.

"I encourage anyone who dedicates themselves to helping close the health gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to nominate," Mrs Skinner said.

"The awards night will be a celebration of the wonderful work that is being undertaken in this most important health field."

To nominate for the 2014 NSW Aboriginal Health Awards, visit <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal/Pages/awards.aspx>