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NEW EQUIPMENT TO BOOST ABORIGINAL DENTAL SERVICES

Assistant Minister for Health Pru Goward today announced that six Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services across NSW will share in over \$420,000 in new funding to enhance dental health services for Aboriginal people.

Ms Goward made the announcement with Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Scot MacDonald, at Yerin Aboriginal Health Service who will receive \$163,825 to purchase two dental chairs, two x-ray units, a steriliser and dental handpieces.

“This new funding will build upon the many successful initiatives we already deliver to ensure Aboriginal people can access the oral health care they need,” Ms Goward said.

Other Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to receive funding include:

- Redfern Aboriginal Medical Service Cooperative – \$88,597 for two new dental chairs
- Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre – \$45, 836 for two digital x-ray units and a steriliser
- Bourke Aboriginal Health Service – \$46,664 for the purchase and installation of one dental chair
- Katungul Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Service – \$40,000 for dental equipment
- Orange Aboriginal Medical Service – \$40,000 for dental lab equipment.

“With levels of untreated dental decay more than twice as high among Aboriginal people as non-Aboriginal people and significantly fewer Aboriginal adults accessing dental care than non-Aboriginal adults, it is absolutely vital that we continue to look at ways to reduce the disparity in oral health outcomes for Aboriginal people,” Ms Goward said.

“This enhancement in oral health funding is taking us another step towards narrowing the health gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.”