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Dear Deputy President

**AMA submission- Substantive Issues [AM2018/12]  
Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service Award 2010 ("the ACCHS Award")**

We refer to Directions issued 7 August 2019 for the AMA to file in the Commission submission addressing the question of whether the coverage of the ACCHS Award should be extended to private medical practices in respect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (ATSI) Health Workers and Health Practitioners.

The AMA welcomes the application to improve conditions in community-controlled health services for ATSI Health Workers and Health Practitioners. The AMA agrees that the ACCHS Award should fairly reflect the essential role they have have in community-controlled health services.

Award coverage for private medical practice relevantly arises through the Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010 [MA000027] (HPSS Award). About its coverage, we understand the Full Bench has received interested party competing submissions and that there are Directions pending [AM 2016/31]. Given HPSS Award coverage is a live issue, we believe that question first needs resolution. It may be appropriate for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association (NATSIHWA) and / or the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (NACCHO) to consider intervening or making HPSS Award variation application through those proceedings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Lewis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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