

MEDIA RELEASE

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AH&MRC
Aboriginal Health & Medical
Research Council of NSW

Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales (AH&MRC) responds to statements made.

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales (AH&MRC), the leading peak body for Aboriginal health in New South Wales, wishes to provide clarity on the ongoing situation.

The AH&MRC is committed to ensuring a safe and supportive workplace for all its staff. Plans are underway to conduct a review of the organisation's operations.

Current Acting Chairman, Jamie Newman, acknowledges that while AH&MRC, like many organisations, has faced challenges and disagreements among board members and staff, it is not without fault. Mr. Newman further adds, "We understand the concerns regarding the well-being of our staff".

In response to the calls for change, Mr. Newman agrees that AH&MRC needs transformational change, but believes that the focus should be on appointing a strong CEO committed to serving the Aboriginal community. "We need a leader who understands the fundamentals of Aboriginal health and education, prioritising the needs of our people".

Mr. Newman further explains, "Our priority remains the health and well-being of our staff and the Aboriginal community we serve. We are taking the necessary steps to address the concerns raised and to move forward in a positive direction."

For further information or inquiries, please contact Jamie Newman on ceo@oams.net.au.

As more developments and changes happen, we will advise accordingly.

This media release aims to present a balanced view of the situation, acknowledging the concerns raised while also clarifying the organisation's stance and commitment to addressing them responsibly.