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Additional support for remote aged care services welcomed

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) welcomes the announcement today by Minister for Aged Care Ken Wyatt of \$3.7 million in additional funding to improve indigenous aged care services across Australia.

“Improving services for indigenous people and ensuring an integrated system across Australia, not just in metropolitan and regional areas is really important,” ACSA CEO Pat Sparrow said.

“The delivery of aged care in remote and rural areas has a higher cost base compared to the rest of Australia which is driven by the unique demands of those areas.

“Additional support to aged care providers in these locations working with one of the most vulnerable groups in Australia is much needed.”

Recipients of NATSIFACP funding include:

- Wami Kata Old Folks Home Inc. Port Augusta
- Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service (Aboriginal Corporation)
- Ngaanyatjarra Health Service (Aboriginal Corporation)
- Pintupi Homelands 2016-17
- Calvary Community Care, Bathurst Island
- Palm Island Aboriginal Council
- Injilinj Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corp for Children & Youth Aboriginal Community Elders Service Inc. Brunswick
- Uniting Church Homes Guwardi Ngadu Frail Aged Hostel Fitzroy Crossing Mabuji Aboriginal Resource Aboriginal Corporation Borroloola
- Tullawon Health Service Inc Yalata.

The Minister’s announcement is available here:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2017-wyatt060.htm?OpenDocument&yr=2017&mth=07>

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