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$7.4 MILLION INVESTMENT TO PROGRESS NSW CLOSING THE GAP COMMITMENT

The NSW Government has announced funding of $7.4 million as a first step to begin State-based actions to support the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Don Harwin confirmed this new investment at the 400th meeting of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), held at Broken Hill.

“This investment demonstrates the NSW Government’s commitment to achieving a critical priority under the Closing the Gap National Agreement - strengthening the capacity of Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations,” Mr Harwin said.

“It is the NSW contribution to a national joint funding pool targeting capacity and expansion of the Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations in the key sectors of early childhood, housing, disability and health.”

The National Agreement on Closing the Gap sets out a new way of working through partnership between Aboriginal peaks and organisations, including NSWALC, and Government. The Agreement commits parties to jointly develop a jurisdictional plan by July 2021 that will set out how NSW will meet new targets and reform goals.

“This investment represents NSW Government commitment to a new way of doing business under Closing the Gap, working with Aboriginal organisations in partnership with sharing decision making, authority and leadership” Mr Harwin said.

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