



### Statement of Intent

This Statement of Intent responds to the Statement of Expectations issued to the National Rural Health Commissioner (the Commissioner) by the Former Minister for Regional Health, the Hon Mark Coulton MP, 23 March 2021. It is a formal commitment from the Commissioner to meet the expectations of the Minister.

Included in the Statement of Intent of the Commissioner is the requirement for two appointed Deputy Commissioners to act on key priorities outlined within the Statement of Intent using their clinical expertise.

### Priorities for the Deputy Rural Health Commissioner Adjunct Professor Shelley Nowlan

- Provide the Commissioner with advice on nursing, midwifery and related issues. This includes the following priorities.
  - Working closely with the Department and key stakeholders to explore improved access and distribution of Nursing Workforce in Regional, Rural and Remote Australia.
  - Engaging with workforce reforms to progress the development of a Nursing Rural Generalist Framework.
  - Advising the Government on the development of a Rural Women's Health Network and rural Women's Health Forum.
  - Participating in conferences by presenting, the writing of articles, journals and community engagement to promote the work of the Commissioner and the Office.

### Stakeholder Relationships

The Deputy National Rural Health Commissioner (DNRHC) will represent the Commissioner and Office by engaging with key nursing and midwifery peak organisations and representatives including.

- Australian Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer
- Jurisdictional Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers
- Australian College of Midwives
- Australian College of Nurses
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC)
- CRANaplus
- The Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINam)
- Rural Health Workforce Australia (RHWA)
- Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA)
- Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP)
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF)

The DNRHC will increase awareness of the work and the Commissioner and Office by engaging with state and territory governments, relevant University Departments, Australian Medical Association and health consumer groups and the Australian Department of Health.

Engaging a strength based holistic approach to support the Commissioner and the Office to deliver on key priorities that enhance the health and wellbeing of Regional, Rural and Remote Australia.