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The Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges today signed a partnership agreement with the Australian Government to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies and service providers to reduce the current gap in health outcomes and life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Professor Talley, Chair of the Council said all of Australia's specialist Medical Colleges welcomed this important collaboration as a key measure to delivering on the Government's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023.

"We will work together with our respective partners to develop measurable improvements at all three tiers of the Plan, each taking a lead in areas ranging from enhanced cultural awareness training for staff through to reducing any form of institutionalised racism."

Professor Talley noted that collaborative partnerships are the key to helping reduce the barriers to accessing health care, either due to cost, remoteness, or cultural safety reasons.

This Collaboration Agreement is signed on Wednesday 31st May, 2017 between the Australian Government through the Prime Minister of Australia, Minister for Indigenous Health, Minister for Health, Minister for Rural Health; the peak bodies of The Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges, the Australian Indigenous Doctor's Association and the Nationally Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.

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