IGPA CANBERRA CONVERSATION PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Date: Thursday 16th July
Time: 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Venue: Function Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre North Building 180 London Circuit, CANBERRA CITY

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SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND PEOPLE IN THE ACT-HOW DO WE RATE?

ABOUT: The fourth Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis Canberra Conversation will examine indigenous service delivery in the ACT. Each speaker will make a brief presentation before opening up the conversation to the audience. The event will be facilitated by Professorial Fellow Jon Stanhope AO.

SPEAKERS

MS YVETTE BERRY MLA

MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLAND AFFAIRS

Yvette Berry is the ACT Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. She also holds the portfolios of Housing, Community Services, Women and Multicultural Affairs and is the Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Social Inclusion and Equality. Yvette was elected to the Legislative Assembly for the electorate of Ginninderra in 2012 and was promoted to the Cabinet in January 2015.

Yvette will discuss some of the key service delivery areas for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the ACT Government, together with broader issues around reforms to the human services system and the overarching themes of the recently signed ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2015-18.

MS JULIE TONGS OAM

CEO OF WINNUNGA NIMMITYJAH

Julie Tongs OAM has been the Chief Executive Officer of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service since 1998. Julie has more than 30 years experience working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs and in particular has extensive experience in advising, formulating, implementing and evaluating public health initiatives, programs and policy at a local, regional and national level. Julie has been a national leader and strong advocate of quality improvement initiatives within the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector.

Julie Tongs will speak about the particular benefits which an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation delivers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. She will also address the value and expertise which Aboriginal organisations provide to both the government and non-government sectors. Ms Tongs observations will be influenced by the persistently negative socio-economic status of members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community of the ACT in areas as diverse as health, justice, education, home ownership, education, employment and child protection. She will acknowledge that while there are areas where progress is evident and systems and collaboration is good, that there remains an urgent need to strive for better outcomes and to explore new ways to address the needs of the most disadvantaged and at risk members of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community.