

Review of  
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Department of Health and  
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The Review of the Department of Health and Community Services is now in its twelfth week. Over the past two weeks the Review team has continued to gather information from internal and external stakeholders across the NT, and has travelled to Alice Springs and Katherine to listen first hand to people's issues.

We are nearing the end of the consultative phase of this review. Although we originally stated that we would accept submissions until the end of August, we have agreed to extend this deadline to Friday 13 September. You can either email your comment through to the internal email address [Resource Team THS](#), access the Review intranet or internet sites ([internal.health.nt.gov.au](http://internal.health.nt.gov.au) or [www.nt.gov.au/health/dept\\_review](http://www.nt.gov.au/health/dept_review)), or send a hard copy to the Review Team, Amazon Room Health House or phone 8999 2410.

As we move into the next phase of the Review, we will continue to consolidate the information provided to us, and identify key themes and

issues. Some of these will require further exploration with relevant stakeholders – for example, the range of issues associated with renal disease, its prevention and treatment in the NT. A workshop is currently being planned to do this.

There is however, one theme that has already come through strongly to the Review team. There is a very real commitment across the Territory to “making a difference” – improving the health and wellbeing of Territorians. The Review Team's experience is that this is the cornerstone of good health and community services and as such, stands the NT in good stead for the future.

I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the Review by meeting with us, or making a submission. We will continue to keep you informed as to our progress over the coming weeks.

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