

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Question:

What is the NACCHO Telehealth project, and what are the intended Outcomes?

Answer:

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Telehealth Project supports the adoption of telehealth activities in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. The project recognises that connectivity issues frequently inhibit access in remote services, and enables services to identify and address local barriers to the sustainable use of telehealth.

The project's intended outcomes are to:

- identify barriers to and the prospects for effective and sustainable use of telehealth services for services;
- provide technical advice and limited capital grants to meet establishment costs for infrastructure to services; and
- enable a national sector-wide picture of telehealth usage in services.