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SEEKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO JOIN IOTHS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I am calling for residents of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands to become members of the Community Advisory Committee for the Indian Ocean Territories Health Service (IOTHS).

The IOTHS aims to deliver patient centred high-quality care to the communities of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. The Committee ensures the community has a voice in the design, delivery, measurement and evaluation of our local health systems and services.

Advice from members informs the development of initiatives to target local health issues, communication strategies for the initiatives and continuous improvement in service delivery, including adjustments to healthcare policies and programs.

As a member of the Committee, you will be a conduit of information between the Health Service and local residents, sharing community views with the Health Service on priority areas of focus, emerging needs and risks.

Following community consultation in 2023, as Chair of the Committee, I reviewed the terms of reference and I am now seeking expressions of interest from the communities of CI and CKI to fill a total of at least six, and up to 10, positions across both territories. The Committee will meet four times a year, with members serving a 24-month term.

The Committee operates within the governance structure of the IOTHS, but it is not a decision-making body and does not provide advice on governance, financial, staffing and medical matters.

I encourage anyone who has the ability to engage with your community and provide informed and well-thought-out advice on health matters to apply.

We are all consumers of health care services and I would like to make sure there is a broad range of voices on the Committee. I hope to see a good mix of gender, age and language groups on the Committee and will consider this when I review expressions of interest for membership.

If you are interested in representing your community as a member of the Committee, please email me at IOTAdministrator@infrastructure.gov.au or call me on (+61) 8 9164 7959 for further information.

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Applications will close at 5.30pm CI time on 21 June 2024. I plan to advise successful candidates in the first week of July and hold our first meeting in late July.

The Committee's Terms of Reference are available on the IOT Health Service web page at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/territories/indian-ocean-territories/health-service>

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