

Motion passed by the National Indigenous Legal Conference and the Indigenous Health Justice Conference participants, 14th August 2019

Moved: Barbara Shaw

Seconded: Eddie Cubillo

That the attendees of the National Indigenous Legal Conference and Indigenous Health Justice Conference

condemn the decision of the NT Government and Minister Wakefield to construct the new youth detention facility beside the current Darwin adult prison, and the Conference attendees further note that this decision undermines key findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of children in the Northern Territory, and specifically is contrary to this statement:

“The Commission believes that purpose built new residential accommodation facilities should be constructed in Darwin and Alice Springs.... The new facilities should not be located on, or in close proximity to, adult prison precincts.”

(Royal Commission’s Final Report (2017), Volume 2B, Chapter 28, “A new model for youth justice”, p. 446).

and

further call upon the Federal Government to fully resource and fund the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory 2017, as it has done with the recommendations of other recent Royal Commissions.

Agreed unanimously.