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LOCAL DECISION MAKING FOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES TO BE STRENGTHENED

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello has announced that applications are now open to establish a Panel of Service Providers to work with Aboriginal communities to help build their capacity as part of OCHRE – Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment – the NSW Government’s plan for Aboriginal affairs.

The Panel of Service Providers is part of the Local Decision Making Model within OCHRE. Mr Dominello said the NSW Government is establishing a collective of competitively selected and endorsed service providers for Aboriginal Local Decision Making communities to select from, which will help build their capacity.

“Service Providers can be selected by Local Decision Making communities to provide assistance including formal training and development such as professional courses, seminars and conferences, or informal training including mentoring, shadowing, coaching, and interactive and participative discussions with experts.

“Local Decision Making is an initiative which represents a significant change in the way Aboriginal communities and government work together. The service providers selected will work to increase the skill and capacity of both Aboriginal communities and government services.

“Communities will have a genuine say in what services are delivered and how they are delivered on a local and regional level.

“The initiative will not only empower Aboriginal people to take responsibility for their futures, but help community leaders develop decision making skills.” Mr Dominello said.

Further Information and the Application Form can be found at the Aboriginal Affairs website www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/panel-of-service-providers. For enquiries email psp.enquiries@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au or call the designated contact officers Belinda Cormack on (02) 9219 0709 or Jason Goninan on (02) 9219 0726.

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 4 December 2013. Applications should either be emailed with the subject “Panel of Service Providers Tender Box” and addressed to AANSW.Tenderbox@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au or posted to “Panel of Service Providers Tender Box” Aboriginal Affairs Level 13 Tower B Centennial Plaza 280 Elizabeth Street Surry Hills NSW 2010. Late applications will not be considered.

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