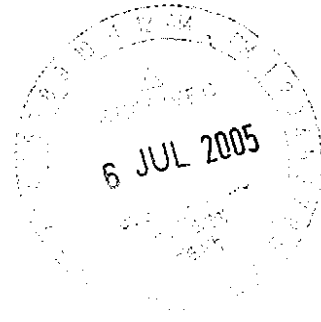


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Dear Ian

We at the NRHA would like to thank the Senate Select Committee on Mental Health for the opportunity to present at yesterday's Hearing. We were impressed by the interest and knowledge expressed by the Chair and other Members.

During the Hearing, Senator Nigel Scullion asked for reference material in relation to at least one of the Case Studies reported in the body of the NRHA Submission. (Case Study 4 – *Partnerships and collaboration in Aboriginal Mental Health* – is taken from a paper entitled Aboriginal Mental Health Program “working both ways” that was delivered at the 8th National Rural Health Conference in Alice Springs in March 2005.)

For Senator Scullion's information, and for the Committee's reference, I have enclosed copies of all papers from that conference that refer to Mental Health. I trust that they will be useful additions to your investigations of this very important topic.

Best wishes

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