

# Medical Education and Training Summit 2008



September 2008

The Territory's first Medical Education and Training Summit was an important event for setting the blueprint for the Territory's medical workforce education and training needs over the next decade and I thank you for your attendance and support of the event.

It is recognised that many of the coordination issues across the medical education and training sector are similar in all jurisdictions. The earlier review and Summit activity has provided an opportunity to plan strategically and better position the Territory's medical workforce into the future.

It is also recognized that the training and management of the NT medical workforce is a shared responsibility and to deliver against particular recommendations of the Summit I will be bringing together key stakeholders to identify ways forward. These include:

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### **Exploring the establishment of NT Medical School**

Working Group to be established

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### **International Medical Graduates**

Associate Professor Alan Ruben continuing working on the standard pathways and finalising an appropriate orientation program

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### **Northern Territory Postgraduate Medical Council**

Associate Professor Elizabeth Chalmers appointed Chair of the Council by the Minister in June 2008.

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### **Promoting the Generalist Specialist**

Task for Working Group

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### **Appointment of Principal Medical Advisor**

Recruitment commencing

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The People and Organisational Learning Division of the Department of Health and Families is presently collating the information from the summit, which at some point soon will be published on the Department's internet site

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