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I would like to see graduates of the Certificate III in ATSI Primary Health Care registered as Enrolled Aboriginal Health Workers and graduates of the Certificate IV in ATSI Primary Health Care registered as Registered Aboriginal Health Workers.

I would also like to respectfully submit some suggestions with regard to building an Aboriginal Health Worker workforce so that intelligent young people in remote communities will wish to become health workers:

I would like to see interested clinical AHWs becoming Community Health Managers (or Primary Health Care Managers) sitting alongside the Health Centre Managers with a team of Aboriginal Community Health Workers going out into the community homes to deliver true primary health care.

To build the Aboriginal Community Health Worker workforce, I would like to see CARHDS funded to provide training at ATSI PHC Certificate II and III levels to 'prospective AHWs' with commitments from employers (ACCHS and NTDOH) to employ Cert II and Cert III graduates.

I would like to see a small group of interested AHWs placed in management positions as assistant manager to the health centre manager while undertaking Advanced Diploma training with CARHDS (Advanced Diploma hands-on in the workplace working in management).

Thank you for your consideration.

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