



SOCIAL DETERMINANTS  
OF HEALTH ALLIANCE

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## MEDIA ALERT

### Business, Indigenous & Health Leaders call for action on Social Determinants of Health

Three prominent leaders from the very different spheres of business, Indigenous affairs and health are uniting to deliver a joint address to the National Press Club in Canberra tomorrow. The event is intriguingly entitled: *A Year of Nothing - Why Australian Governments need to respond to the social determinants of health.*

“On 20 March 2013, the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs tabled its inquiry report into Australia's domestic response to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Commission on Social Determinants of Health report ‘Closing the gap within a generation’. More than a year on from the release of the inquiry report, no discernible action has been taken to address the recommendations. The evidence-based recommendations from the WHO’s Commission on the Social Determinants of Health Report have reaped benefits around the world, but we have yet to see Australian governments commit to their implementation,” explained Martin Laverty, Chair of the Social Determinants of Health Alliance and National Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The three renowned speakers will provide their unique perspectives on why Australian Governments need to respond to the social determinants of health:

- **Martin Laverty**, Chair of the Social Determinants of Health Alliance and National Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
- **Dr Tom Calma AO**, Founding Chair, Close the Gap Campaign and Chancellor of the University of Canberra
- **Kate Carnell AO**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**What:** Address to the National Press Club

**Where:** National Press Club, 16 National Circuit, Barton ACT

**When:** Wednesday 20 August 2014

**Time:** 12:30pm – 1:30pm

SDOHA is a collaboration of like-minded organisations from the areas of health, social services and public policy established to work with governments to reduce health inequities in Australia. The Alliance currently has over 60 organisational members.

**For media comment/interviews:**

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