## FIFTEEN YEAR TIMELINE: RESPONSES TO DIALYSIS NEEDS OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA REMOTE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES (2000 – 2015)

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Auction of paintings by Aboriginal artists donated >\$1M to set up Western Desert Dialysis (WDNWPT)	Nganampa Health Council (NHC) indicates 6 Anangu had to relocate to Alice Springs to access dialysis, & expected number to grow. NHC employed Renal Project Officer to support patients. Position ended due to lack of funding. NHC Annual Report: 29% of women and 20% of men aged over 30 on APY Lands had diabetes. More than half of these patients were also diagnosed with renal disease.	WDNWPT incorporated. SA Generational Health Review published. Recommended providing accessible services close to where people live i.e. services to be located where people are rather than people re- locating to where services are.	A <u>n</u> angu asked WDNWPT to help and to provide dialysis in APY communities. Unfunded help provided for 2 years e.g. safe travel home, Purple Truck to Ernabella, advice provided to SA re setting up mobile unit.	SA's new State Health Care Plan introduced. Minister Hill: "More services to be provided locally".	NT closes doors to dialysis patients from SA & WA. Forced to go to Port Augusta or Adelaide. NPYWC & AMSANT petition Ministers & Govts Snowdon commissions Central Australian Renal Study (CARS). April: \$1.8M extension of Port Augusta Renal Unit opened (400 km further from Lands than Alice Springs)	March: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Australia Senate Resolution encourages SA & NT to resolve 'impediments' April: Tri-State Agreement – SA, NT, WA (disappointing: limited number of SA patients in NT) Sept: NPYWC holds Cross-Border Renal Dialysis Forum in Umuwa to discuss dialysis crisis As at Nov: 18 APY patients have to move to Alice in order to access dialysis	Mr McKenzie from Ernabella approached WDNWPT to provide permanent dialysis in Ernabella. June: CARS Report presented to Australia Parliament. Proposed Amata as potential site for permanent dialysis (Substance misuse centre) June: Snowdon offered \$13M for more supported accommodation in Alice and Tennant Creek. July: Group of 11 Anangu patients wrote open letter to SA Minister Health, pleading and requesting dialysis services in community. Aug: Snowdon wrote to SA, WA & NT Health Ministers seeking response to findings of CARS. October: NT & SA fund NT mobile dialysis bus to take SA renal patients from Alice Springs to APY Lands (SA provides staff, medical coverage, consumables, expenses & NT provides bus, driver and equipment)NT Mobile Renal Unit visits Pukatja & Indulkana. November: 1 <sup>st</sup> Ministers Tri-State meeting held to discuss findings of Central Australian Renal Study.	Jan: CWealth offered draft Project Agreement to NTG for \$13M. Project stalled due to land tenure issues & NTG seeking co- funding for recurrent costs by SA & WA. No agreement reached between NT & CW and \$3M of \$13M taken off table and returned to Consolidated Revenue June: Ministerial Tri- State renal meeting (telecon) convened by Snowdon. Sept: SA Govt announces plan to set up Mobile Renal Unit Oct: Tri-State Health Dept and CW officer level telecom.	June: Snowdon offers SA Health (Snelling) \$1.8M for permanent facility in Ernabella. Govt negotiations not concluded by time of Federal election on 7 Sept. (Minister Dutton sworn in as Minister Health 18 Sept.) [Before Federal elections, Snowdon asked WDNWPT to develop alternative plan for funds – to include WA, SA & NT. Snowdon gave 'in- principle' agreement. Labour lost election and money appeared to be "lost"]	Mr McKenzie dies. SA Renal Mobile Unit established. Feb: Ernst & Young Report on WDNWPT model. Positive example of viable model & track-record. March: SA Elections – SA Liberals (supported by Greens & Dignity for Disability) promise permanent facility on Lands if elected. SA Labour offers Mobile Renal Unit.	Early in year, WDNWPT asked by NTG & CW to submit proposal. Plan for \$10M is submitted (includes Ernabella & Docker River) July: SA ALPSC visits Purple House July: Minister Nash announces: • \$10M for access in Alice and Tennant Creek & infrastructure in Docker River & Mt Liebig • \$6.3M to WDNWPT for infrastructure in Ernabella & other remote communities 4 Sept: SA Premier visited Purple House Mid/late Sept: SA Health has proposed stakeholder meeting re: community-based model for Ernabella
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