



NT doc off to summit

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AN NT doctor selected to attend the Prime Minister's 2020 Summit has called for the 1000 attendees to be prepared to ensure the gathering is not a talk fest.

Dr Ngiare Brown, a senior research fellow in the child health division of Menzies School of Health Research, is one of 34 Territorians selected to attend the historic summit.

She is also one of six Territorians on the long-term national health strategy panel.

"I think it is important to be prepared," she said. "We need to be focused and strategic."

"What we need to do is use this opportunity to influence policy, resourcing and service delivery into the future."

Dr Brown said every person who attends the summit has a responsibility to action the outcomes. "It is all well and good to chat and slap each other on the back, but it is not just

the responsibility of the Government to progress this work — it is up to all of us."

"We need to take responsibility — as well as the Government — to ensure the progress of any of the work or recommendations that come from the meeting.

"There is always a danger — with a tight time frame and a diverse group of people — that it may well only scratch the surface.

Dr Brown said it was an honour to be nominated by her peers to attend the summit.

"I can expect to interact with a range of people who are very talented and experienced in their fields," she said. "I think there will be a fair amount of discussion around indigenous issues and the current issues in the NT around the intervention."

Dr Brown's background includes Aboriginal health in clinical practice.

Territorians at the 2020 Summit

A long-term national health strategy — Pat Anderson
Dr Ngiare Brown, Professor Jonathan Carapetis,
Professor Tony Cunningham, Michael Gooda and
Sabina Margaret Knight.

Australia's future security and prosperity in a rapidly
changing region and world — Caroline Morrison.

Future directions for the Australian economy — Dr
Lucy Ashley Firth.

Future directions for rural industries and rural
communities — Kate Andrews, Roy Chisholm, Terry
Underwood and Diane Walsh.

Future of Australian governance — Sarah Jane
O'Rourke and Mauri Japarta Ryan.

Options for the future of indigenous Australia —
Damien Djerrkura, Jeannie Nugeryai Egan, Professor

Edward Shane Houston, Teresa Sue Lea, Makinti
Rosalind Minutjukur, Yananyul Mununggurr, Dr
Marika Raymattja, Thomas Jangala Rice, David Ross,
Patricia Ann Turner and Wali Wunungmurra.

Population, sustainability, climate change and water
— Dr Stuart Blanch, Professor Stephen Garnett and
Joe Morrison.

Strengthening communities, supporting families and
social inclusion — Dr Adam Matthew Tominson and
Galarrwuy Yunupingu.

The productivity agenda, including education, skills,
training, science and innovation — Marilynne
Paspaley, Professor Jeannie Herbert and
Mandawuy Yunupingu.

Towards a creative Australia — Anna Malgorzewicz.