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AFAO welcome Robert Griew as President

The Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations is pleased to announce the election of Robert Griew as its president.

Mr Griew will serve a two-year term, bringing 25 years of deep experience in health and community services to the role.

This includes four years as Director-General of the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services, and an earlier period running the Australian Government's Aged Care and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health programs. Robert is a past chief executive of the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON) and has also consulted to state and federal government on Aboriginal health and communicable diseases.

"Robert Griew brings a depth and breadth of experience to this role," AFAO chief executive, Darryl O'Donnell.

"Robert's insights and judgement are especially valuable as we grapple with the rise of HIV and STIs among Indigenous communities. We are extremely fortunate to have Robert on board and appreciate the commitment he has made.

"I also wish to extend profound gratitude to our outgoing president, Dr Bridget Haire. In Bridget's time as AFAO president we have seen extraordinary progress in our mission. This includes the listing of PrEP on the PBS, significant declines in HIV transmission and a much sharper appreciation of the modern HIV epidemic among policy and decision makers."

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The Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) is the national federation for the HIV community response in Australia. AFAO works to end HIV transmission and reduce its impact on communities in Australia, Asia and the Pacific. AFAO's members are the AIDS Councils in each state and territory; the National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWA); the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL); the Anwernekenhe National HIV Alliance (ANA); and Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association. AFAO's affiliate member organisations – spanning community, research, public health and clinical workforce – share AFAO's values and support the work we do.