Abortion law for update

Jill Poulson

Health Minister admits changes are overdue

The NT remains the only jurisdiction in Australia to not update its Medical Services Act and legalise RU486. The NT's Act is 20 years old and the laws concerning abortion were described by Mrs Lambley as “very strict”. Mr Sansbury said the conference would be a chance for leaders from all states and territories to voice their concern about issues in their home communities. “At the end of the day, we hope to get a good resolution to show us a direction to move forward,” he said.

Indigenous summit to make difference

Matt Garrick

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