Indigenous Dental Association Australia (IDAA) announces groundbreaking partnership with the Australian Dental Council (ADC)

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The Indigenous Dental Association Australia (IDAA) is thrilled to announce our partnership with the esteemed Australian Dental Council (ADC). This collaboration signifies a monumental stride forward in our unwavering pursuit of championing Indigenous dental health in Australia.

IDAA is recognised as the leading association in Indigenous dental health, advocating for the rights and welfare of Indigenous people and supporting First Nations Australian oral health practitioners and students. Our extensive family, encompassing dentists, oral health therapists, hygienists, and dental prosthetists, stands testament to our dedication and resolve.

The ADC, with its national mandate, is unparalleled in its dedication to maintaining the highest standards of dental education in Australia and assessing overseas qualified practitioners for registration. Their continued commitment to fostering a health system devoid of racism resonates deeply with our objectives. Their commitment aligns perfectly with our goals, especially in light of the ADC's focus on increasing the participation of First Nations people in the oral health workforce. Furthermore, their pivotal role in influencing policies that profoundly affect the dental profession makes them an invaluable ally in our journey.

"As the IDAA and the ADC unite, our partnership is more than a collaboration—it's a commitment to redefine oral health standards for Indigenous communities across Australia. Together, we're crafting a narrative of inclusivity, equality, and holistic healthcare." - Dr. Jodi Hart, Co-President and Director, IDAA.

In addition to immediate improvements in oral health standards, IDAA's advocacy and the ADC's expertise promise more. As we embark on this collaborative journey, we foresee a ripple effect that goes beyond the dental community. By exchanging knowledge, collaborating on policies, and committing to inclusivity, we hope to inspire other sectors, fostering an environment in which equitable healthcare is a reality. In bridging gaps and setting new norms, we hope to inspire a holistic approach to healthcare that genuinely prioritises Indigenous voices and needs.

The projected support from the ADC, promises to amplify our efforts significantly. We are particularly heartened by their proposed support structure, covering areas like association sustainability, education, workforce, and access. We can see a bright and transformative horizon.

Join us in celebrating this monumental partnership. Together, we write the next chapter in our shared journey towards a brighter, healthier future for all Australians.

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