



## Media Release

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### Pharmacy regulators to visit Darwin and meet with local pharmacists

#### The Pharmacy Board of Australia will be in Darwin on 26 and 27 May

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) will meet in Darwin on 26 and 27 May 2011 to gain first-hand knowledge of the provision of pharmacy services in the Darwin area, and in particular to indigenous communities.

The Board, which is responsible for the regulation of pharmacy in Australia, will meet with local pharmacists at an informal gathering to discuss regulation and gain insight into issues relevant to pharmacists operating in Darwin and servicing local and regional communities. The Board will also visit a local community and Aboriginal Health Centre.

Board Chair Stephen Marty said the visit was an important opportunity for board members to exchange knowledge and ideas with local pharmacists and see how their services are provided to local communities.

“As a national regulatory body it is important for us to see how pharmacy services are being provided to the public, and to make sure our policies and guidelines apply as effectively to people living in Sydney or Melbourne as those who live in remote or regional areas”, Mr Marty said.

“We are looking forward to a two way exchange, where our board members can share their knowledge and insights of the regulatory framework in Australia, and Darwin pharmacists can share their knowledge about issues affecting their professional practice and community”.

While in Darwin the Board will hold its 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The Board consists of twelve members, four who were appointed as community members and eight who are pharmacists appointed as practitioner members.

**Stephen Marty, Chair of the Pharmacy Board of Australia,  
is available for interviews on Thursday 26 May from 4.30 – 5.30.**

#### About the Pharmacy Board of Australia

The Pharmacy Board of Australia is responsible for registering pharmacists, developing professional standards and handling notifications. It does this through the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) which regulates health professionals under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (the National Law), as in force in all states and territories. The Board is supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). For more information about the Board, please go to [www.pharmacyboard.gov.au](http://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au).

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