**NATSIEH 2019 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
(All sections in red must be completed)**

**Template 1**

# Presentation Title *Upper and Lower case letters and no more than 100 characters in length, 10 pt font size*

**Insert title here:**

**Wadeye’s Healthy Homes Program – an integrated model of service delivery that improves the health and wellbeing of families.**

**Abstract.** *Submission must be in**Microsoft WORD. Do not use any shading or underlines. Use upper and lower case letters (sentence case) in titles and headings. Abstracts should be text only, no graphics. Single line spacing with one free line between paragraphs. No indentation. Abbreviations should be spelled out at the first occurrence with the abbreviation, in parentheses, immediately following.*

***Word Limit: 500 words or less (approximately 1½ A4 pages).***

**Insert abstract here:**

The Healthy Homes Program has been chosen by community leaders as a means of improving the health and wellbeing of families at Wadeye, NT. It provides a new way of empowering local families through greater understanding of and practical support for a healthy home environment. The Program provides a point of contact for a range of inter-related issues in the home and coordination of service delivery. It has been developed and trialled at Wadeye over the past year, and continues to evolve.

Families may be referred to the Healthy Homes Program through the Wadeye Health Clinic or other social services, when children or other family members are at risk of skin infections and other health problems. Families are also able to self-refer to the Program. The Healthy Homes Coordinator and local Aboriginal facilitators visit the home and make an agreement with the family to support an initial clean, follow-up visits and any referrals required to other environmental health related services.

The Healthy Homes Program is being delivered by Thamarrurr Development Corporation, in partnership with a number of government and non-government organisations. Locally, the Program has improved communication and coordination of services at Wadeye working in environmental health related areas, including Wadeye Health Clinic, Save the Children, Territory Families, West Daly Regional Council and TDC – Thamarrurr Rangers, Housing and Construction, and Employment and Training. The Program has also established good external support / partnerships with NTG Department of Health and Department of Housing, AG Department of Agriculture, One Disease, CDU, AMRRIC and Priority Pest Control. This collaboration facilitates best practice in a range of areas and maximises the impact of the overall Program in improving the health and wellbeing of families at Wadeye.

The Health Homes Program is a new approach and takes time for people to engage with. While it is early days, there are some positive signs regarding improved home hygiene and living conditions for referred households. In addition, the Program has developed a community wide animal management program and is working on a more strategic approach to pest management in the Region. The Healthy Homes Program continues to evolve and broaden its support across the Wadeye community.

**Abstract Summary.** *A summary of no more than 100 words is required. The summary should be concise and reflect the content of the presentation. This summary may be used in the printed Conference Program distributed to the Conference delegate.*

**Insert summary here:**

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**Main Presenter Biography**

**Biography.** *E.g. Dr Matthew Benson: Biography details. A biography is a short profile (up to 150 words) about yourself and will be used to introduce you to the audience. It should be written in the third person; make the text flow to assist the chairperson who will read out your biography,* ***do not use dot points****. Ideas for inclusion in your biography:*

* *Details of the community/organisations with which you are involved.*
* *Details of your employment, position and how long you have been in the Environmental Health Field.*
* *Details of any achievements or goals.*
* *Any other information about yourself that might be of interested to the audience.*

**Insert biography here:**

Thamarrurr Development Corporation (TDC) is a not-for-profit corporate entity owned by members of the Wangka, Lirrga and Tjanpa peoples of the Port Keats Daly River Aboriginal Land Trust. TDC has been established by the 21 clans of the Thamarrurr Region, to represent them in relation to business, socio-economic development, employment and training. TDC employs over 160 people, with over 65% local Indigenous people, and delivers a range of services at Wadeye and across the Region, including employment and training, land and sea management, and housing and contruction.

Healthy Homes has been identified as a key component of the Thamarrurr Community Development Strategy, which aims to coordinate the efforts of multi-agencies to maximise outcomes generated through the myriad sources of funding and support for the Wadeye community. The Program employs a Coordinator, as well as local Aboriginal facilitators, and engages with TDC’s pest control team, housing maintenance officers and Thamarrurr Rangers’ animal management program.