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Ms Shannon Tobler-Williams (*Gweagal Dharawal Dhungutti*)

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Dear Emily,

I am writing this letter of support to endorse, Shannon Tobler-Williams, a proud and dedicated Indigenous professional staff member within the Indigenous Health Unit, Faculty of Medicine & Health at the University of New South Wales, to attend the upcoming the 2025 Melbourne POCHÉ Indigenous Health Leadership program, and support her participation for all modules outlined below:

16 - 21 March - travel to Melbourne and Wilsons Promontory, Victoria for Module 1

30 May - 7 June - travel to Toronto, Canada for Module 2

25 - 29 August - travel to Moama and Shepparton, Victoria for Module 3

Shannon has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students participation in Medicine and Health Science degrees in our Faculty of Medicine & Science. Shannon also provides leadership in developing our Faculty Indigenous Governance Council, drawing on her extensive experience working across NSW Aboriginal Lands Councils and State and National Governments.

Attending the 2025 Melbourne POCHÉ Leadership Program, this will provide Shannon with invaluable opportunities to further develop her own leadership potential, engage with established Indigenous leaders and healthcare professionals, participate in workshops, and contribute to important discussions that will assist her in building richer, stronger and more diverse networks through Indigenous people in healthcare, and tertiary education. This experience will not only enhance her professional development but also strengthen her ability to advocate for the needs of Indigenous communities.

I support Shannon in this opportunity as it aligns with our shared goals of promoting diversity and inclusion in the UNSW Faculty of Medicine and Health, and ensuring that Indigenous voices are represented in healthcare and the university. Shannon's registration fee will be supported by the faculty as part of her professional development. Your investment in her education and professional development is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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