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**TECHNICAL BRIEFING ON  
“AUSTRALIA’S HEALTH SERVICES -  
OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS”**

A technical briefing presenting an overview and highlights of health in Australia will be held on Wednesday, 24 September, at 2 p.m. The technical briefing will outline innovative approaches to major challenges in health care provision in Australia and their wider relevance and potential application in the Region. This briefing will be held in connection with the session of the Regional Committee, and all those attending the session are welcome to attend.

All five documents issued for the technical briefing are printed in English. There are no French versions available.

The briefing will comprise a series of presentations by a panel, as follows:

- **Introduction** by Professor Tony Adams and Professor Arie Rotem
- **An overview of Australian health services** to be presented by the Minister for Health and Family Services
- **Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in 1997** to be presented by Dr Ian Anderson
- **Telemedicine in Australia** to be presented by Dr Ian Heath
- **Evidence-based policy-setting and management practice: Australia's response to new epidemics as an example** to be presented by Dr George Rubin
- **Public health partnerships: Governments and communities in public health** to be presented by Dr Vivian Lin

In 1995, the Regional Committee adopted resolution WPR/RC46.R11, which noted the Committee's "will to explore, on an experimental basis, alternative methods to the present Technical Discussions for conveying appropriate information to Member States". It accordingly resolved "to arrange technical briefings on appropriate subjects, in lieu of the Technical Discussions, in close coordination with the host countries for the Regional Committee at its forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions".