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***SUBJECT: Linda Burney and Ken Wyatt receive vaccine and urge First Australians over 55s to get the jab.***

**LINDA BURNEY, SHADOW MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS:** Thank you Aunty for your Welcome to Country, and both of you for being here today. And thank you, Ken for the invitation to join you and send a really important message to our people that it is important to get the jab.

The fact that we're here at Winnunga, with Julie Tong and her staff this morning, one of the many Aboriginal health services that are at the forefront of making sure First Nations people have access to the vaccine.

What's really pleasing is that with phase 1B, it's been recognised that the chronic health conditions of Aboriginal people play a role in making this vaccine available to Aboriginal people over the age of 55. So that tells them something about us Ken - over the age of 55 because for the other groups in 1B, it's over the age of 70, as I understand it. So there's the recognition of the health complexities that First Nations people face.

I join with Ken Wyatt, the Ngunnawal people and everyone in saying, please get the vaccine. It is important to protect our communities, to protect our families and to protect our culture.

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