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Public Statement: Two Wolves – One Body

The South Australian Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner (HCSCC), has issued prohibition orders against Ms Carlie J. Angel and Mr Brad T. Williams, trading as Two Wolves – One Body.

The orders prohibit Ms Carlie Angel, Mr Brad Williams and the entity Two Wolves – One Body, either personally or through or in connection with another person or entity, from:

- providing health services that involves, or is any way related to, Kambô or Sananga services of any description on an indefinite basis; and
- offering, advertising or otherwise promoting health services that involves, or is any way related to, Kambô or Sananga services of any description on an indefinite basis.

The prohibition orders follow an investigation by the HCSCC, during which expert evidence was obtained concluding that there are no clinical data which indicates any medical benefits arising from the application of Kambô treatments.

Significantly, the expert opinion is that the application of Kambô and Sananga treatments have a range of adverse physiological effects.

In the case of Kambô, these may include vomiting, diarrhoea, dehydration, electrolyte loss, and hypotension and tachycardia in individuals with underlying cardiovascular issues.

Deaths, whilst rare, have been reported.

In the case of Sananga, reports of pain, ranging from mild to severe, have been documented.

Associate Professor Davies explained that this evidence was reason behind issuing the prohibition orders.

“After receiving the expert advice, it was clear to me that Kambô and Sananga could be very dangerous for some individuals,” Associate Professor Davies said.

“From the expert evidence, I have formed the view they are unsafe, and that the effectiveness of such treatments cannot be guaranteed.

“I have decided to issue the indefinite prohibition orders to protect South Australians from potential harm from these practices.

“These prohibition orders will take effect from midnight tonight, when the current interim prohibition orders against Ms Angel and Mr Williams cease.”

Ms Angel and Mr Williams are the only practitioners of Kambô that the Office of the HCSCC been able to identify as providing such services in South Australia.



If anyone is aware of other individuals providing Kambô and/or Sananga treatments in South Australia, they are strongly encouraged to speak with the HCSCC.

Background

Kambô is the practice of using the poisonous skin secretion of a frog called *Phyllomedusa bicolor* (commonly: blue-and-yellow frog, bicoloured tree-frog, giant monkey frog, giant leaf frog, or waxy-monkey treefrog), which is found in the Amazon basin, for cleansing rituals.

Sananga is a preparation from the roots and bark of *Tabernaemontana undulata* which is purportedly applied as a decoction to the eyes.

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