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Chief Executive Appointment

The National Native Title Council (NNTC) has appointed Jamie Lowe as its new Chief Executive Officer to lead the organisation through a significant period of growth in the native title sector. Jamie is a Djabwurrung man and a former CEO of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation in the South West region of Victoria. Jamie is also a director of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations and advocates for the rights of traditional owners within the State of Victoria. Jamie believes that creating economic independence and maintaining and growing cultural identity are key to creating a self-determining nation of Aboriginal people.

Jamie has worked with his local PBC for a number of years and with the significant growth in PBC numbers the focus of the native title sector will shift towards the needs and support required to assist PNCs in achieving and improving the economic, social and cultural participation of indigenous people.

Members of the NNTC have welcomed the appointment and are excited to work with Jamie to build strong representation for the native title sector across the country.

The NNTC is the peak body for the native title sector, having a membership made up of Native Title Representative Bodies, Service Providers, Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Traditional Owner Corporations from across all jurisdictions.

The Indigenous native title sector has been developing rapidly in recent times, and with more native title claims being resolved every day, it is time to ensure all parts of the sector are able to become properly involved in national dialogues, discussions and debates on the issues that affect Traditional Owners.

With the growth of the native title system, so too is the increasing number of organisations, whose responsibility it is to care for country and protect heritage and culture. All Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC's) and Traditional Owner Corporations

have an opportunity to join the NNTC and participate in the national Council of our membership so that every voice can be heard. Check out the NNTC website at nntc.com.au for information on how to become a member.

Launch of strategic vision

Before opening the Native Title Conference 2019, the National Native Title Council launched its Strategic Vision and Objectives 2019-2022. Workshopped with members from across the country, the document sets out the vision, purpose and values of the organisation.

With a vision to work together for evermore to maximise all rights and interests derived from native title as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land, waters and resources.

The key purpose of the organisation is to maximise the potential of native title to achieve and improve the economic, social and cultural well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.





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The core values of the organisation are cultural strength and integrity, the protection of country, self-determination, and economic and social prosperity.

For the next three years the work of the NNTC will focus on four key strategic objectives:

- Advocacy – advocating the rights associated with native title to key stakeholders and the broader community;
- Ensuring that the economic opportunities of the Indigenous estate in relation to land, water and resources are considered strategically;
- Actively facilitate the inclusion of all native title organisations in the NNTC to ensure their needs and aspirations are met; and
- Ensure the NNTC maintains a governance regime of the highest corporate standards and supports its members.

The NNTC will now start work on its operational plan to implement its strategic objectives with the



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purpose of maximising the potential of native title to achieve and improve the economic, social and cultural well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The NNTC would like to thank PwC Indigenous Consulting for their assistance in developing the strategic objectives for the organisation.



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