



Secretariat National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care

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AUSTRALIA'S PEAK BODY FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN AND FAMILIES APPOINTS NEW CEO

Melbourne, Australia: The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) is excited to announce the appointment of new Chief Executive Officer Gerry Moore, a Yuin man from the south coast of NSW.

Gerry is currently the Managing Director of [Shoalhaven Community Development trading as Habitat Personnel](#), an Aboriginal community owned organisation based in Canberra and on the NSW south coast. He is also currently a Board member of the [National Congress of Australia's First Peoples](#).

Key previous positions include: CEO of the [Aboriginal Legal Services NSW/ACT](#); [ATSIC](#) National Commissioner; Chairperson of the Aboriginal Housing Development Committee; CEO of the South East Aboriginal Legal Service; and Senior Project Officer of the [NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs](#).

SNAICC Chairperson and CEO of Aboriginal Family Support Services Inc., Sharron Williams, commented: "Gerry's passion and commitment; depth of management experience; his demonstrated strategic leadership; his warm, collaborative, engaging style; the breadth of his national networks; his nuanced political experience; and his strong community grounding make him the ideal candidate for the challenge of driving SNAICC forward into the next era."

In response to long-standing SNAICC CEO Frank Hytten announcing his intention to resign from his role, SNAICC received strong interest in the vacant position and ultimately interviewed five Aboriginal candidates for the role. All prospective candidates were high calibre leaders with diverse skills, experience and expertise.



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SNAICC will be very sad to farewell Frank Hytten, our strong and collaborative leader for seven years. He has led SNAICC through some very difficult times with his steady, thoughtful and inclusive approach.

Some particular highlights of Frank's time at SNAICC include:

- His role in the set up of the Northern Territory state child protection peak body (SAFT) and work to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Child Protection System in the Northern Territory.
- His development and successful expansion of the SNAICC training unit, moving from 2 to 80 training programs this year.
- His drive to embed a human rights framework across the work of the organisation and engagement with international human rights processes, including presenting to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- Navigating SNAICC through different funding regimes and establishing a strong philanthropic program and funding diversification strategy.

Frank comments: "The past seven years have been a time of many challenges and significant growth for SNAICC. Our relationship with government and sector-based organisations has been strengthened and my impression is that we are now better placed than ever to have an impact on policy through these partnerships. I am very proud to have led the SNAICC team through this period and wish Gerry all the very best."

Gerry comments: "I am thrilled to be joining such an established and well respected organisation and keen to take SNAICC to the next level in collaboration with our board and members. I look forward to applying my experience in the sector and passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to my future work at SNAICC."



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SNAICC warmly welcomes Gerry to the organisation and wishes Frank all the best in his future endeavours.

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About SNAICC:

SNAICC is the national non-government peak body in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

Founded in 1981, SNAICC was established to engage in activities that promote and accommodate a strong voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families.

Over the past 30 years SNAICC's efforts have resulted in many key milestones and achievements both in policy developments at state, territory and federal levels and in developing innovative and useful resources for the sector.

SNAICC is governed by an influential National Executive made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled children and families' services.