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MEDIA RELEASE - SNAICC APPOINTS CATHERINE LIDDLE AS CEO

SNAICC – National Voice for Our Children, the national peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, is excited to announce Catherine Liddle has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Catherine will commence the role on 8 February 2021. An Arrernte/Luritja woman from Central Australia, she comes to SNAICC with a strong background in senior leadership positions with First Nations organisations.

"It is with great pleasure that we welcome Catherine to SNAICC," says Muriel Bamblett, SNAICC Chair.

"With her previous leadership roles, combined with her experience on the Coalition of Peaks, Catherine will ensure that SNAICC can continue to strengthen our partnerships with state and federal governments to make sure our children are at the forefront of policies."

Catherine was most recently CEO of First Nations Media Australia, which she also represented on the Coalition of Peaks, and was previously Regional Director of Jawun Indigenous Corporate Partnerships, Central Australia Regions. She has also held senior roles within the Northern Territory Education Department, the ABC, and NITV/SBS.

A journalist by trade, Catherine's motivation has always been to drive change that leads to positive outcomes and options for First Nations people. Over the past 10 years she has worked primarily in managerial roles where she has led multidisciplinary teams, overseen workplace transformations, and advocated for policy change.

Catherine is excited to join SNAICC and continue to build the organisation's strong platform in representing the voice of the next generation – our children.

"I look forward to continuing SNAICC's work in making a difference to the lives of First Nations children and making sure our young ones' voices are heard at the highest levels of decision-making," Catherine says.

"A particular focus will be the work being carried out as part of the Coalition of Peaks, ensuring we are partners in the decisions taken at all levels of government that directly impact on our children and our futures.

"If we are to close gaps in disadvantage, consideration of the impact on our children

must be front and centre when policies and programs are developed and implemented. We can only do this when First Nations people and organisations are driving the decisions."

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About SNAICC – National Voice for our Children

SNAICC – National Voice for our Children is the national non-government peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. SNAICC works for the fulfilment of the rights of our children to ensure their safety, development, and wellbeing.

Founded in 1981, SNAICC was called Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care until it was changed to SNAICC – National Voice for our Children.

About Family Matters

Family Matters is Australia's national campaign to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people grow up safe and cared for in family, community, and culture.

The Family Matters campaign aims to eliminate the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care by 2040.

The campaign is driven by a national Family Matters Leadership Group and supported by a Strategic Alliance.

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