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**NATSILS MEDIA RELEASE: NATSILS Appoints New Executive Officer, Dr. Hannah McGlade**

NATSILS is pleased to announce the appointment of new Executive Officer, Dr. Hannah McGlade. Hannah is a Noongar human rights lawyer from Perth, Western Australia.

Hannah is dedicated to the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through law and policy reform, and has strong expertise across justice issues. She worked for ATSIC on Indigenous rights and Treaty, and her work has included policy and law reform, advocacy and human rights litigation, including most recently supporting cases challenging the treatment of Aboriginal prisoners.

Admitted to the WA Supreme Court in 1996, Hannah has worked in the community legal sector and was formerly the CEO of Aboriginal Family Law Services.

Hannah holds a LLB, LLM (International Human Rights Law) and Ph.D from Murdoch and Curtin University, and has been with Curtin University since 2016 as an Associate Professor, working on the Deathscapes research project, and researching Aboriginal prisoner treatment and deaths in custody, disability discrimination, violence against women, child removals, healing and cultural safety in health care.

A member of the Noongar Family Safety and Wellbeing Council (from 2017 - 2021), she has campaigned to reform the WA child protection bill to include Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making process in law.

Appointed the Senior Indigenous Fellow of the UN Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights in 2016, Dr. McGlade is currently a member of the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues, having taken part in many UN reviews and processes and worked with peak bodies including SNAICC for children's rights.

*"I'm excited to join NATSILS supporting Aboriginal justice issues alongside ALS's across the country who work at the front line for Aboriginal people and Aboriginal rights. NATSILS has been a strong voice for Aboriginal justice and as we approach the 30 th anniversary of the RCIADC it is so clear there is much work to be done."* - **Dr. Hannah McGlade, NATSILS Executive Officer**

Looking to the year ahead, Hannah is eager to lead the NATSILS team in their support for the ongoing policy priorities of members, working alongside families to campaign to end Black deaths in custody, and continuing to lead as the pre-eminent voice on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice issues.

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