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National Aboriginal and
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NATSILS MEDIA RELEASE: NATSILS Appoints New Executive Officer, Jamie McConnachie

NATSILS is pleased to announce the appointment of new Executive Officer, Jamie McConnachie. Born and raised in Mount Isa Queensland, Jamie is a proud Waanyi woman and has held various roles as a lawyer representing mob all over Victoria.

Passionate about the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Jamie has a proven dedication to delivering positive outcomes for our people in contact with the justice system and institutions.

Recognising the important role Aboriginal Legal Services play in representing our people within the justice system, Jamie possesses a staunch belief in self-determination and is committed to advocating alongside in the fight for justice, accountability and change.

"I am honoured and excited to join NATSILS and contribute to the progress that has been made for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across a range of issues. My devotion to the rights of our people within the justice system is unwavering, and I am committed to working in collaboration with the ATSILS in continuing to advocate at a national and international level to ensure our people have equitable access to justice." - **Jamie McConnachie, NATSILS Executive Officer**

The recipient of various academic accolades, Jamie was recognised by the Law Institute of Victoria as, '2013 Student of the Year', for Academic Excellence in a Law Discipline and, 'Ricci Marks Young Aboriginal Achiever of Year', 2007 by the Victorian Government.

Looking to the year ahead, Jamie is eager to lead the NATSILS team in their support for the ongoing policy priorities of members, advocating to end over-incarceration and deaths in custody for our people, and continuing to lead as the pre-eminent voice on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice issues.

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