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New CEO to lead NT Aboriginal Investment Corporation

The Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation (NTAIC) has appointed their new CEO, Elly Patira.

Elly is a First Nations woman with broad corporate and finance experience as a top-tier commercial lawyer, as well as extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities throughout Victoria and the Northern Territory. Elly first came to the Territory in 2012 as a regional lawyer with the Central Land Council, supporting Traditional Owners to progress land claims and economic development initiatives. Her work with remote communities has continued through her involvement with Australian Lawyers for Remote Aboriginal Rights.

Most recently, Elly headed up the First Peoples – State Relations Group in Victoria’s Department of Premier and Cabinet, leading Treaty, cultural heritage and Aboriginal self-determination reform. She also served as interim CEO of the Yoorrook Justice Commission, establishing Australia’s first formal truth-telling body.

Elly holds a BA and Juris Doctor (Law) from the University of Melbourne and a Masters in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford, with a focus on Indigenous rights and development.

Elly’s return to the Territory has been welcomed by the NTAIC Board and Chairperson Barb Shaw, who said she looks forward to working closely with Ms Patira who brings years of experience working as a leader and advocate for Aboriginal people.

Ms Shaw said, “Ms Patira has built strong and trusted relationships with Aboriginal communities throughout the Territory, and we are excited about the skills and experience she brings to the NTAIC.”

Ms Patira said, “I am excited to be back in the Territory and more importantly working with Aboriginal communities.

“The work that the NTAIC is tasked with is imperative to Aboriginal self-determination and I am passionate about ensuring that the voices of Aboriginal people across the Territory are at the centre of NTAIC’s work.

“I know my team and I have a big job ahead of us look and we look forward to building on the strong foundations established by NTAICs previous CEO, Leanne Caton.”

Ms Patira commenced in the role on Monday 14 August 2023.

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