Anindilyakwa Land Council

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**Search underway for a visionary new leader for the ALC**

Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) is searching for an inspiring, honest and skilled communicator to lead the Council into the future.

Recruitment is underway for a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is culturally-grounded, thrives in managing diverse groups within sensitive environments, and excels at unifying people around shared aspirations.

Most importantly, the role requires an unwavering commitment to living on Groote Eylandt and being an integral part of the community, said ALC Chair Cherelle Wurrawilya.

"The CEO must actively engage with and work alongside the Anindilyakwa people, embracing the unique cultural identity of the Groote Archipelago and embedding community priorities into all facets of the organisation," she said.

The ALC is working with Pipeline Talent Recruitment, a 100% First Nations recruiting agency that empowers First Nations excellence, to connect with the right person.

**To apply:**

- Applicants are encouraged to learn more about the role by reading the full list of responsibilities at www.pipelinetalent.com.au
- Applications close 11:59PM on Monday 22 September 2025.
- Questions about the position can be directed to Lesina Gibbs-Manuatu, Pipeline Talent: jobs@pipelinetalent.com.au

**Welcoming Interim CEO**

Ms Wurrawilya also gave her support to Interim CEO, Michael Trainor, who stepped into the role in August while the search for a permanent CEO is underway.

Mr Trainor joined the ALC in 2023 as Mining and Sustainability Manager. He brings more than 40 years of professional experience, including holding senior executive

roles within the resource industry, leading large-scale mining, environmental, and sustainability projects.

“I am pleased to welcome Mr Trainor as interim CEO,” said Ms Wurrawilya. “Since joining the ALC, he has played a key role in representing Traditional Owners in complex negotiations, strengthening environmental and cultural protections, and in helping shape cultural preservation programs.”

Mr Trainor became interim CEO following the departure of Matthew Bonson, who resigned as CEO in July for family reasons.

“On behalf of the ALC, we thank Mr Bonson for his service and contributions during his time, and we wish him and his family well,” Ms Wurrawilya added.

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