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## **Northern Land Council welcomes appointment of new NT Acting Treaty Commissioner**

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The Northern Land Council welcomes the appointment of Tony McAvoy SC, Australia's first Aboriginal senior counsel, to the role of Acting Treaty Commissioner in the Northern Territory.

"We really support the appointment of Mr McAvoy as the Acting Treaty Commissioner in the Northern Territory," said NLC Chairman Samuel Bush-Blanasi.

"It is a proud day to see the treaty process taking a step forward, and the Northern Land Council will support comprehensive on ground engagement and consultation with Aboriginal people," said Mr Bush-Blanasi.

"Mr McAvoy has formed strong connections with Aboriginal Territorians throughout his career, which has included the role of Co-Senior Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, work with North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and the Land Councils."

"As a Wiridi man with a lifetime of lived experience, he deeply understands the challenges that Aboriginal people have faced and still continue to face. We know he will listen well to our mob, stand up for our people and accurately represent the many voices of Aboriginal Territorians in the treaty process with the Northern Territory."

"He is a man of high integrity and insight, coupled with a wealth of legal and government experience. The NLC looks forward to working with Mr McAvoy in his new role and wish him every success."