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ANTaR Welcomes Elected Co-Chairs of National Congress

ANTaR has today congratulated Ms Jody Broun and Mr Les Malezer for their election as co-Chairs of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

"The National Congress of First Peoples was established to provide a representative voice at the national level for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples around the country. The election of the Co-Chairs is significant as it reflects the principle of self-determination in Aboriginal organisations and affairs."

"ANTaR congratulates Ms Broun and Mr Malezer on their election. We also acknowledge the other nominees who provided a strong field of candidates for these important roles."

"It is essential that the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities are listened to and acted on by governments at all levels."

"The first directly elected Chairs are now in a position to maximise the potential for the National Congress to be a key voice on national issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples", said ANTaR National Director, Ms Jacqueline Phillips.

"The newly elected Co-Chairs bring a wealth of experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, advocacy and service delivery."

"ANTaR looks forward to continuing to work with and take guidance from the National Congress."

ANTaR is a national advocacy organisation dedicated specifically to the rights - and overcoming the disadvantage - of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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