



**Malarndirri McCarthy**  
MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

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## **New NT Coordinator-General Remote Services appointed**

Indigenous Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy today announced the appointment of Ms Olga Havnen as the new Northern Territory Coordinator-General for Remote Service Delivery.

Minister McCarthy said Ms Havnen comes with a wealth of experience and was most recently the National Head of Indigenous Strategy at the Red Cross.

“I have great pleasure in appointing Olga Havnen to this position who is a local Indigenous woman with vast experience in international human rights and Indigenous issues at both an international and national level,” said Minister McCarthy.

“Olga Havnen has held several senior positions with both the government and non-government sectors, including the Department of Chief Minister, the Central and Northern Land Councils, the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Red Cross.

“Olga’s ability to effectively engage with all people in rural and remote areas will make a significant contribute in the implementation and development of government policies.

“I will be meeting with Ms Haven in her new position on a regular basis to ensure we receive frequent and timely information.

“The Coordinator-General role will also continue to provide formal written reports every six months.”

The NT Coordinator General, Remote Service Delivery oversees, monitors, assesses and provides independent advice on the delivery of remote services directly to the Minister, and was established in 2009 simultaneously with the Government’s *Working Future* policy.

Ms Havnen said she was looking forward to working with the Governments, Indigenous people and organisations, shire councils and remote service delivery agencies.

“I am pleased to take up this very important role – it is a big job, there are many challenges but none of them are insurmountable and I will be asking all parties to work with me to make real change in the lives and futures for Indigenous people,” said Ms Havnen.

Ms Haven takes up the two-year position on 24 October.

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