

Sam Walsh AO Joins Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation as Independent Director

Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC) has announced the appointment of Sam Walsh AO as the new Independent Director of the BNTAC Board.

Mr Walsh, a former Rio Tinto Chief Executive Officer and current Non-Executive Director of Mitsui (Japan) and Ma'aden Mining (Saudi Arabia), Chair of the Accenture Global Mining Council (UK), Gold Corporation (Aust), Perth Diocesan Trust and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations), brings invaluable industry knowledge and governance experience to BNTAC.

"We extend a warm welcome to Sam and look forward to having his unique perspective on the projects and decisions that help our community," said Maitland Parker, Banjima Elder and BNTAC Chair.

"Connection to Country is central to Banjima culture. Our traditional lands not only have some of the largest mining projects in Western Australia, but also hosts the largest contaminated area in the southern hemisphere: Wittenoom," he added.

"Sam's extensive experience in the mining sector and demonstrated track history with Aboriginal matters can support us in ensuring mining projects and conversations regarding issues like Wittenoom benefit Banjima People and our Country," Mr Parker said.

In addition to supporting the Banjima Board on mining-related business, Mr Walsh's networks and strategic planning experience across several sectors will further strengthen BNTAC's community, Country, and cultural work.

"I am absolutely delighted and very honoured to be joining the Banjima Board after almost 25 years of engagement with them. My focus at BNTAC will be to be an active participant, to support the Board and the Corporation and to add value. Ultimately, I aim to have a positive impact not only on the organisation but, importantly, the whole of the Banjima community as well," Mr Walsh said.

"Clearly there are a lot of issues occurring in the mining and native title space where I can help to advise the Banjima Directors," Mr Walsh added.

"I look forward to working alongside the Banjima Directors and the community's committees and councils to get the best possible outcomes for the Banjima People."

Mr Walsh will join the seven Banjima Directors on the BNTAC Board effective immediately.

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About BNTAC

Incorporated in 2013 and with offices in Perth and Tom Price, [Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC](#) (BNTAC) is the Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Banjima People.