



Media Release

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Deb Hall, Convenor of The Environment Centre NT (ECNT) is excited to announce that Kirsty Howey will be joining Shar Molloy as Co-Director. ‘Leadership of the ECNT by these two accomplished women will take the organisation and the Territory to the next level of effective environmental advocacy,’ she said.

Kirsty Howey comes to ECNT with over 15 years of experience in environmental law, research and practice in the Northern Territory. She was a native title, land rights and environmental lawyer for over a decade, including acting as instructing solicitor for traditional owners in landmark legal proceedings challenging the approvals of McArthur River Mine. She has recently submitted a PhD thesis at the University of Sydney investigating the intersection between Indigenous institutions, the environment, the state and development in northern Australia, and has published widely in these areas. She was a board member of the Environmental Defenders’ Office (NT) from 2013 to 2019, including three terms as Chair.

Shar Molloy says: “I am delighted to welcome Kirsty on board as Co-Director. Her skills will be invaluable to ECNT for responding to the significant environmental challenges we face in the Northern Territory on major issues like water law and policy, mining and gas regulation, and climate change.”

Kirsty Howey says: “We are at a major crossroads in the Northern Territory, with renewed pressure for large scale extractive development amid the unfolding ecological crisis caused by climate change. I am excited about contributing to ECNT’s policy, research and law reform capacity and impact, including ensuring that all government decisions affecting our unique environment are appropriately scrutinised and evidence-based.”

Shar and Kirsty look forward to engaging with the community, government and industry to achieve the Environment Centre’s Vision of ‘Thriving nature and a sustainable future for all Territorians’.

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