

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MDAS CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS DECIDED TO MOVE ON

The Board of Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS) has announced that Ms. Perlin Simon has moved on from her role as Chief Executive Officer.

In making the announcement, the Board acknowledged Ms. Simon's contribution to the Organisation and thanked her for her leadership and commitment.

"On behalf of the Board, staff, members and community, we thank Perlin for her hard work and dedication to MDAS," the Board said.

"Perlin has made a valued contribution to the Organisation, and we wish her every success in her next chapter."

Reflecting on her time at MDAS, Ms. Simon said it had been a privilege to serve the Organisation and the communities it supports.

"It has been a privilege to serve Mallee District Aboriginal Services and to walk alongside community, families, Elders and staff," Ms. Simon said.

"MDAS is in a strong position, delivering important services and continuing to strengthen its foundations, and I have great confidence in the organisation's future and the role it plays across the region."

The Board of MDAS has confirmed that an Interim Chief Executive Officer will commence on Monday 2 February.

"This transition will ensure continuity of leadership and support for our staff and communities while we undertake the next steps."

"MDAS remains focused on continuing the important work we are engaged in and on supporting our communities during what are challenging and uncertain times."

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*Self-determined, healthy, robust & culturally strong  
Aboriginal communities, throughout the Mallee Region.*