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### **Talented Indigenous Newcomer Welcomed to IBA Board**

IBA Chair Dr Dawn Casey is pleased to announce the three year appointment of Jason Eades to Indigenous Business Australia's board of directors.

Dr Casey and the Directors welcome Mr Eades to the board of IBA and are looking forward to working with him to continue achieving economic outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

"His experience in senior management across the arts, tourism, native title and strategic policy within the not-for-profit and government sectors will provide a valuable contribution to IBA.

Mr Eades currently owns and operates Jason Eades Consultancy Services that focuses on community development and engagement, economic development, governance, building cultural competency and the development of culturally responsive services for Indigenous Australians.

Mr Eades has more than 15 years in senior management in roles at Koorie Heritage Trust, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, Mirimbiak Nations Aboriginal Corporation, Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation and other Indigenous corporations.

Mr Eades said "I'm excited to be joining IBA at this time and am looking forward to working with the Board to continue its outstanding work.

"I am passionate about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people getting into business and would like to see more people and communities explore this as a viable option for creating economic wealth in our communities."

Dr Casey stated that Jason's particular expertise and experience adds to the Board's capacity to strategically position IBA in a challenging economic environment.

"While the broader economic outlook for Australia is a little uncertain at this time, I believe the potential for growth in the Indigenous business sector is relatively strong.

"The combination of IBA's own services and products, and wider government policy improvements, means it is a good time for Indigenous entrepreneurs to develop and grow their businesses," Dr Casey said.

IBA is committed to Indigenous economic development through the provision of home loans, small business development and specialised joint venture opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

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