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# Desert Knowledge Australia

## Lauren Ganley, CEO

Lauren Ganley is a descendant of the Kamilaroi people and was raised in Darwin in the Northern Territory. She had a successful career at Telstra for more than thirty years working in senior positions in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

In her most recent role as the Head of Telstra's National Indigenous Directorate, Lauren led programs and business activities to improve digital and social inclusion for Indigenous Communities across Australia. With an extensive professional network, Lauren is passionate about issues facing Indigenous Australians, and regional and remote Australia.

Lauren has extensive experience in commercial and cultural strategies, policy and program development/delivery, and community stakeholder engagement.

Lauren was a member of the Expert Panel (2011) to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian Constitution. She is currently the Chair of Telstra's Indigenous Advisory Committee; a Director of Kakadu Tourism, the Aboriginal Foundation of South Australia and Power Community Ltd; an Ambassador for Indigenous Community Volunteers; a graduate and Fellow of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation; and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

In 2014 Lauren was recognised as one of Australia's most influential women winning a place in The Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards.



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