Minister for Arts and Museums Alison Anderson is pleased to announce Professor Marcia Langton has been appointed chair of the Museum and Art Galleries Board of the Northern Territory.

Prof. Langton, an eminent anthropologist and geographer, has achieved many accolades in her studies of Indigenous Australia and in advisory roles on cultural identity, land rights, the mining industry and social issues in Aboriginal communities.

Darwin’s Kathleen Brown has also been newly appointed to the board that presides over the Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, and brings strong art industry experience to the board.

Prof Langton, who was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1993, is the Foundation Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne. Prof Glyn Davis, Vice Chancellor of Melbourne, was pleased to release her from her usual duties for this appointment because of the international significance of MAGNT as a cultural institution.

Ms Anderson said Ms Langton has spent significant periods living and working in the Northern Territory, including stints at Charles Darwin University and the Central Land Council, and has some exciting ideas to take MAGNT forward.

“Professor Langton is a strong advocate for arts in the Territory and will be an asset to the board,” Ms Anderson said.

“She has a wealth of knowledge and understanding of Australian culture and is well-known for her work.

“The board of Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory has an important role to play in laying strong foundations for the vision and future of this important and vibrant cultural institution.”

The MAGNT board comprises Marcia Langton (Chair), Libby Beath, Kathleen Brown, Steve Eland, Pip McManus, Alastair Shields and John Waters QC.

Prof. Langton is available for interview regarding her appointment. Please contact this office to arrange.

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