



Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) Project Submission process

Participant Information Sheet

The Australian Human Rights Commission (Commission) invites you to provide a submission for Stage Three of the *Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices)* project (Project).

1. What is the Project about?

Stage Three involves the establishment of the First Nations Gender Justice Institute at the Australian National University and the development of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality (working title).

The Framework for Action is **independent of government**, designed by and for First Nations women and girls, to translate the significant evidence of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani project into action to achieve First Nations gender justice and equality.

This stage of work will be heavily informed by, utilise and be responsive to the 2020 Report, and the 2021 Implementation Framework, along with the key outcomes from the National Summit that took place in May 2023. The Framework and the Institute are about moving from gathering evidence and identifying needs, to articulating actions, implementing the changes and achieving the outcomes that First Nations women and girls are calling for.

The Framework will be an overarching generational roadmap to provide structural support for the diverse work taking place across communities. The Institute will be fundamentally co-related, driving the implementation and monitoring of the Framework, carrying on the legacy of the Project far into the future.

2. Who is conducting this Project?

This Project is being carried out by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, June Oscar AO, and her team from the Commission.

3. Do I have to take part in this Project?

Participation in the Project is voluntary.

4. Who can participate in the Project?

Submissions are also open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals, groups and organisations who work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls, and/or have developed measurement and evaluation approaches related to gender equality and intersectional movements. We encourage young people to contribute, however submissions by anyone below 18 years of age will need to be contact the team directly via phone or email.

5. What are the possible benefits of participating in the Project?

By providing a submission, your voice will help inform our approach and build the momentum for substantive structural change to take place.

As an incentive to provide a submission, the Commission is offering gift boxes as a thank you to random selected respondents. To enter the running to win the gift box, respondents will be required to opt in via the online submission form. Winners will be contacted shortly after the closing date for submissions via their contact number to collect or have the prize posted.

The gift box contains body and bath products by Yaye produced with Indigenous bush medicine ingredients.

6. What will happen to the information I provide?

By completing a submission, you consent to the Commission's Project team collecting and using the material and information you provide for the purposes of the Project. This consent extends to any videos, photographs, drawings or other creative expression included as part of a submission.

Materials and information collected via the submission process will be stored by the Commission in accordance with the *Archives Act 1983* (Cth), the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and the *Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986* (Cth).

Your submission may be quoted or referred to in the course of the Project (for example, on the Commission's website or social media platforms), or in documents or other materials created and published by the Commission. If the information you provide is used by the Commission, it will be published under a Creative Commons licence and the contents of the document will be able to be used freely for other purposes. The Commission may also license the use of videos, photographs, drawings and other creative expression to third parties for other purposes such as photographic exhibitions or news articles.

Disclosure of Personal Information

The Commission will only publish your name or other personal information contained within your submission if you provide specific consent for us to do so. Otherwise, your name and any other personal information you provide to us will remain confidential and will only be disclosed to a third party if there is a legal or regulatory requirement to do so (for example, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth)).

Please refer to the Australian Human Rights Commission's [Submission Policy](#) for more information on use, publication, access privacy and copyright of submissions received.

Please also be aware that the submissions received, including via the online form may not be read or monitored regularly. Please do not include any information that require an urgent response.

Voluntary and mandatory reporting obligations

In certain circumstances, Commission staff and others involved in this Project may be obligated under relevant State laws to report an act that involves abuse to a child, or an act that is a 'serious indictable offence' to the relevant authorities. This is known as 'mandatory reporting'. Mandatory reporting obligations may also arise in cases of suspected risk of future abuse or harm. Whether mandatory reporting obligations are triggered in the course of this Project will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. If the Commission is not required by law to make a report, it may still make a voluntary report to the relevant authorities in circumstances where the Commission is concerned that serious harm has occurred, is occurring, or may occur in the future.

7. How and when will I find out what the results of the Project are?

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner intends to launch the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender and First Nations Gender Justice Institute in March 2024.

After the launch, the Framework will be publicly and freely available via the Australian Human Rights Commission's website.

You can register your interest for receiving updates on the Project at the Australian Human Rights Commission's website:

<https://www.wiyiyaniuthangani.humanrights.gov.au>

8. What if I want to withdraw from the Project?

If you provide a submission and include your consent for it to be published online, but no longer want it to be used by the Project team, we will remove it from our website. If you notify us of your withdrawal prior to publication, we will use our best

endeavours to ensure that your submission (including your name and any other personal information contained therein) is not quoted or referred to in any documents or other materials created and published by the Commission.

9. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the Project?

If you want further information about this Project or if you have any concerns related to your participation in the Project, you can contact the following member/s of the Commission's team:

Name	<i>Niamh Kealy, Kimberley Hunter, Jane Pederson, or Sophie Spry</i>
Position	<i>Australian Human Rights Commission</i>
Telephone	<i>(02) 9284 9600</i>
Email	wiyiyaniuthangani@humanrights.gov.au For anyone under 18 years: niamh.kealy@humanrights.gov.au

10. Support Services Contact Details

If at any stage during this Project you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the Project please call:

Name/Organisation	<i>1800RESPECT: National sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service</i>
Telephone	<i>1800 737 732</i>

Name/Organisation	<i>Beyondblue: Depression and Anxiety support services</i>
Telephone	<i>1300 224 636</i>

Name/Organisation	<i>Lifeline: Crisis support and suicide prevention</i>
Telephone	<i>13 11 14</i>

Name/Organisation	<i>Headspace: Supports young people 12- 25 years old</i>
Telephone	<i>1800 650 890</i>

Name/Organisation	<i>Kids Helpline: Counselling service 5 – 25 year old</i>
Telephone	<i>1800 55 1800</i>