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## *A Note from Our CEO*



Hello everyone. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the NATSIWA Board, Denise and myself, to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. I hope that it is a peaceful time for you all, and that you have the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. This time of year can bring with it its own set of stresses, so we hope you all benefit from the spirit of Christmas, which is love, peace and goodwill. For members who do not celebrate Christmas we trust that you too will have the opportunity to celebrate family.

Thank-you all for the support we received from you, our loyal members, throughout the year. Your support enables us to advocate, lobby and influence policy makers that ultimately affect our women, children, families and communities. Without your input and support, we would not be able to provide the voices of our women to government, peak bodies and key stakeholders.

Our members are extremely important to us and as such we welcome any emails or phone calls to answer any questions, provide information or listen to your concerns. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in us and we trust that our relationship with our members will become stronger and mutually beneficial.

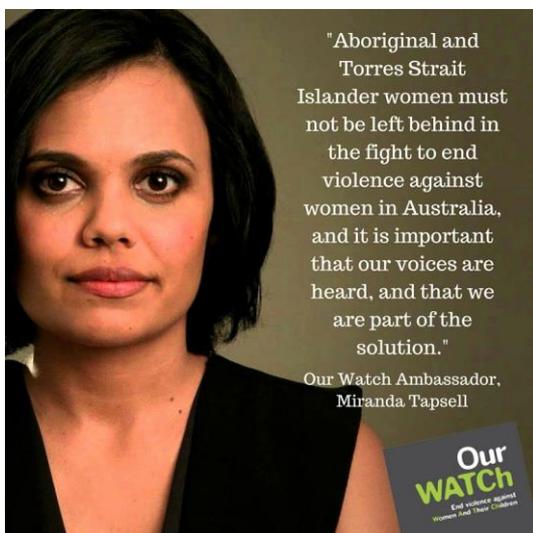
Kind Regards

Tracey Currie-Dillon



## 16 Day of Action to Stop Domestic Violence

NATSIWA took part in the 16 Days of Action to Stop Domestic Violence Campaign. Posts were placed on our Facebook Page everyday from the 25<sup>th</sup> November to the 10<sup>th</sup> December. These posts included video's, posters, apps, photo and statements. The post reached just under 10,000 people. We hope that some of the advice posted will assist women and their children to stay safe. These posts are still available to view on our Facebook page; go to National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance.



Miranda Tapsell the OurWatch Ambassador post had the most hits for the Campaign. NATSIWA works closely with OurWatch.

South Australian Member Vicky Welgraven expressed how humble and blessed she was to be selected by the Women's Safety Services SA (WSSSA) to take part in the '16 Days to end domestic violence campaign'. Vicky said, as a state and nation we need to keep campaigning for ALL Women. In particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women as our statistics are alarming. She believes if we can all do our part in being part of the solution and keep campaigning our voices will get heard and together we can ALL make a difference and bring about change to end violence against ALL women as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women and Children because our lives matter!



## ***Webpage and Social Media***

NATSIWA utilises its webpage to promote latest news and provide information for our members. NATSIWA has put in a number of Submissions this year that pertained to some of the issues that impact on our people. Our Submissions are placed on our NATSIWA website along with other items that may be of interest under the section Publications/Newsletters. [http://natsiwa.org.au/?page\\_id=42](http://natsiwa.org.au/?page_id=42)

### ***Facebook Page***

Our Facebook page called National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance has proven very popular to getting up to date events and news circulated to our members and other interested persons. The data collect from our page since July of this year has shown that we have an average of 1848 likes for our page a day and an average of 1367 people who engage by leaving comment or liking a post each week. Our page and posts reaching approximately 16,391 people a week. Please note there is another older version of our page titled NATSIWA but this is no longer valid or current please use our full title when searching Facebook and look for the 'Ending family violence in Aboriginal communities' logo shown here. Please like our page to get current postings.



## ***KMPG Review of the NWA's***

The National Women's Alliances (the Alliances) represent over 180 women's organisations from across Australia. They bring forward the views, voices and issues of Australian women and, in particular, women from marginalised and disadvantaged groups. The Alliances take the lead in ensuring that the voices of as many women as possible are heard, especially those who in the past have found it difficult to engage in advocacy and decision making.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet commissioned an independent review of the Alliances in 2015. The review was conducted by KPMG and completed in March 2016.

KPMG found that the Alliance model is effective and recommended a range of improvements to strengthen the Alliances' relationships with each other, with government and with the many and diverse women of Australia.

KPMG made seven recommendations:

- establish clearer links between the Australian Government's priorities and the work of Alliances;
- clarify the role and purpose of the Alliances;

- define measurable and achievable outcomes;
- Adopt a risk-based approach to contract management;
- nurture a more strategic relationship between the Alliances and the Office for Women;
- encourage and support greater inter-Alliance collaboration.
- direct and support the Alliances to increase representation of marginalised women.

The Office for Women is working closely with the Minister for Women, and in consultation with the Alliances, to implement KPMG's recommendations.

View the report by going to this link:

<https://www.dpmc.gov.au/news-centre/office-women/review-national-womens-alliances>

If you have any news or stories you would like to share with your fellow members be sure and send them to us. Some stories we may also be able to post of our Facebook page.

**Once again Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

