

Basic Information About Who We Are

WHAT IS AN INQUIRY?

Inquiries are established by the government to investigate issues of national importance. The final objective of a Commission Inquiry is to make recommendations that may lead to solutions to problems that are of concern to Canadians.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS?

The National Inquiry (NI) looks for ways to set out all facts, investigates and finds the truth on matters related to the government activities that may call into question the management of public affairs. We call this the Truth Gathering Process. The NI was put in place by the federal government. It started September 2016 and ends December 2018.

WHY WE EXIST

To examine and report on the systemic causes of all forms of violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada by looking at patterns and underlying factors.

OUR TEAM

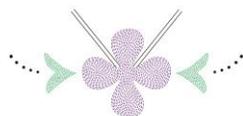
- Commissioners
- National Family Advisory Circle
- Legal Team
- Health Team
- Community Relations Team
- Research Team
- Communications Team
- Operations Team

Here are ways to share truth:

1. Public hearing
2. Private hearing
3. Sharing circle (public or private)
4. Statement taker (public, private, public ban)
5. Through art (song, poem, painting, etc.)



National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
Enquête nationale sur les femmes et les filles autochtones disparues et assassinées



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is considered a family member to a missing or murdered loved one?

Blood relatives, adopted family members, foster care relatives, close friends, family of the heart all may be “family.”

How will the National Inquiry define missing or murdered?

The Commissioners will hear all stories, even those instances where death may have been ruled a suicide, accident, or has been classified as “undetermined.”

What will the National Inquiry classify as violence against women, girls, and LGBTQ2S?

Sexual, physical, family, and systemic types of violence will all be considered, including discrimination, racism, and perpetuation of hyper-sexualized images of Indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ2S people.

OUR COMMISSIONERS



Chief Commissioner Marion Buller is a member of the Mistawasis First Nation, SK.



Commissioner Qajaq Robinson was born in Iqaluit and raised in Igloolik. She’s a strong Northern advocate who is fluent in Inuktitut.



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Our Women and Girls are Sacred / Nos femmes et nos filles sont sacrées