



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



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The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls to intervene at the Supreme Court of Canada: Barton v. Her Majesty the Queen

Winnipeg, MB. – On October 11, 2018, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls will be an intervener at the Supreme Court of Canada in the case *Barton v. Her Majesty the Queen*. The National Inquiry will focus arguments on the over-representation of Indigenous women as victims and judicial notice of the systemic harms experienced by Indigenous women and girls.

The National Inquiry looks forward to contributing as an intervener in this important case. “During the short time we have held hearings across the country, we have heard hundreds of stories of violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls,” said Chief Commissioner Marion Buller. “The death of Ms. Cindy Gladue and acquittal of Mr. Bradley Barton is emblematic of how Indigenous women are seen as less than worthy victims in general, but specifically within the justice system,” concluded Chief Commissioner.

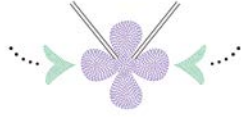
“The National Inquiry has a legitimate interest in this case, and in ensuring the law of consent accurately takes into account issues that contribute to the violence and vulnerability Indigenous women and girls experience,” explained Christa Big Canoe, Lead Commission Counsel who will be making oral submissions on behalf of the National Inquiry.

On March 8, 2018, the Supreme Court of Canada granted the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls standing as an intervener in *Barton v. Her Majesty the Queen*. To see the National Inquiry’s full factum, please go to: https://www.scc-csc.ca/WebDocuments-DocumentsWeb/37769/FM110_Intervener_National-Inquiry.pdf

The National Inquiry will be available for comments on Thursday October 11, 2018 after the oral submissions.



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