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Membership Application tabbed and accepted /
declined at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Women's Legal Services NQ Inc.
Management Committee Meeting held on the:

Date: _____ of _____ 20

**BECOMING A MEMBER OF
ATSIWLSNQ**

Once your membership application has been approved by the Management Committee, you will become an ordinary member of the Association. Ordinary members are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meetings. To hold onto your membership, you are required to renew your membership every year. A renewal notice will be sent to you every year. Please contact our office on (07) 4721 6007 when you need to update your contact details.

You can resign from Association at any time by giving notice in writing addressed to:

The Secretary
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's
Legal Services NQ
PO Box 1062
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

DISCLAIMER

The Management Committee advises that the Association has Public Liability Insurance for \$20,000,000.00

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN'S
LEGAL SERVICES NQ**

ABN: 42 109 450 961

**Application for
Membership**



OUR VISION

To provide and improve knowledge of the law; to provide access to legal services and to promote law reform for North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women through community legal education, advocacy and legal representation

OUR OBJECTIVES

- (1) To ensure that traditional women's law is respected and strengthened and at all times upheld to maintain the values of the family unit and the role of women within indigenous cultures;
- (2) To provide legal advice, representation and advocacy, together with associated welfare services, to indigenous women and their families; There will be a special emphasis on North Queensland Indigenous women and their families who face additional discrimination for reasons such as, but not limited to poverty, displacement, social class, race, age, religion, disability, sexuality, isolation and violence;
- (3) To provide indigenous women the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge to participate fully and coincidentally in legal matters affecting them;
- (4) Where necessary, to advocate for reform of the law and legal processes and reflect the experiences of indigenous women which fail to address their needs;
- (5) To work towards the empowerment of all indigenous women within the legal system and to achieve social justice and equity before the law;
- (6) To combat racism, violence, poverty, destitution, sexism and discrimination of all kinds as they affect the spirituality, culture, custom, tradition, heritage, lore, health, wellbeing, interests and aspirations of indigenous women in North Queensland.

(7) To initiate, promote and participate in research and inquire where the objects are to evaluate any existing laws and legal processes, policies, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Lore, customs, tradition and spatiality, as they affect the interests and require

(8) To initiate strategies an action directed to the empowerment of all indigenous women and children within the justice systems an international covenants established by forums such as the United Nations;

(9) To promote and provide support and education for Indigenous women and children within and about the social justice systems so that they can and do confidently and competently participate in the legal and related matters and forums;

(10) To prepare and publish material and report, participate in public forums and inquiries, Committees, organisation, litigation, make submissions, consult and provide practical forms of education in order to achieve the objective of this Association.

(11) The Association supports the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you have any skills/ experience, knowledge that can contribute to the Service (including life experience)?

DECLARATION

I would like to become a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal Services NQ Inc and have read the objectives and purpose of the Service. I support the Service's objectives and purpose.

I confirm that I identify as, and I am accepted in my community as a person who is:

- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- I do not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____