



# WIYI YANI U THANGANI

## Submissions for the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality and First Nations Gender Justice Institute: Answers to Questions

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### Measuring change outcomes

**1. *What change do you want to see for First Nations women and girls, in all their diversity, with their families and communities, to live their lives in the way they want? What would you feel, see, hear, sense or collectively understand if this change was happening?***

I want First Nations women and girls to have factual knowledges to make their own well qualified decisions.

I want the principles of indlgenous Data Sovereignty to be made available to all communities.

I want communities to be given opportunities to participate in Indigenous Data Governance practices.

**2. *In your experience, what practices and approaches are most effective in collecting data, measuring and evaluating change?***

Disaggregated Indigenous data application across all Australian data banks

Including understanding of Indigenous knowledges and practices

Involving Indigenous Communities in developing questions that are going to provide actual outcomes for communities

Providing funding that is long term

Include constant support and feedback to communities



**3. How do you want to see local change practices and data collection inform national priorities and achieve systemic outcomes, and how could this relate to the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality?**

Local practice's must include principles of Indigenous data governance and Sovereignty

First Nations women and girls must be included in and and all decision making

**4. Do you have any additional thoughts, views or experiences about gender-specific data and outcomes that could be included in the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality and the First Nations Gender Justice Institute's work?**

Truth telling is important in relation to past experiences

**Ensuring a strong accountability and evaluation approach**

**1. Should government (and other stakeholders) be accountable to community determined outcomes? How can this be included in the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality?**

For government and other stakeholders to be accountable they would have to understand the principles of Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance

Government and Stakeholders will have to be aware of misinformation and fear that was event in the Voice Campaign

**2. What does the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality and First Nations Gender Justice Institute need to do to incorporate diverse lived experiences and to ensure that no one misses out on opportunities to contribute to and hear this work?**

Be disability inclusive



Involve indigenous Data networks that are gender friendly

Include voices from rural and remote communities

**3. *We recognise that the process to implement change is just as important as achieving outcomes. How would you want to see implementation processes evaluated over time?***

Look at immediate or short term outcomes as well as long term outcomes

Implementation must involve communities

Funding must be long term and measurable

**4. *Do you have any additional thoughts, views or experiences about accountability practices that could be included in the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality and the Institute's work?***

Provide regular reporting

Deal with misinformation

**Protecting and strengthening data sovereignty and governance**

**1. *What are your hopes and aspirations for what the First Nations Gender Justice Institute's database on First Nations women's and girl's lived experience and voices could look like? How can we ensure safe and considered access and use of the database?***

Ensure ethical practices

Be aware of small data bases that could identify people in rural and remote communities



**2. How do we ensure that this living database is used and owned by First Nations women and girls?**

Use Indigenous Data Governance principles

**3. How can the First Nations Gender Justice Institute support First Nations women and girls to access, contribute to and use the database? How can this help women and girls to make decisions about their own local priorities to measure what works on the ground?**

Disaggregated data sources are available on State Department dashboards

Women and girls can access these data sources and work out where gaps in knowledge are

Women and girls can use this information to add to their knowledge base and add extra data to measure relevant outcomes

**4. Do you have any additional thoughts, views or experiences about strengthening data sovereignty and governance that could be included in the Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework for Action for First Nations Gender Justice and Equality and First Nations Gender Justice Institute's work?**

Seek assistance from relevant sources to learn what has worked and what has not worked

**Do you have any final comments or feedback?**

Be brave

Be powerful

Knowledge is power