

I am pleased to nominate for the AASW Northern Territory Branch Management Committee and would value the opportunity to contribute actively to the Association and to strengthening the social work profession.

I bring more than 21 years of experience across India, Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, spanning community and statutory social work practice, research, project work and social work education. Working across diverse cultural and practice contexts has strengthened my commitment to culturally responsive, ethical and inclusive social work.

My experience working within Māori educational and cultural contexts in Aotearoa New Zealand particularly deepened my understanding of the importance of Indigenous knowledges, relationships, self-determination and culturally grounded practice. In the Northern Territory, I am passionate about listening to and learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and supporting opportunities that strengthen First Nations participation, leadership and representation within the social work profession. I am also committed to strengthening connections with social workers practising in remote and regional communities, whose experiences and perspectives are vital to our profession.

I currently work as a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Charles Darwin University, supporting emerging social workers and contributing to social work education and professional preparation. I actively encourage students to engage with the AASW and see professional membership as part of developing their professional identity and commitment to lifelong learning.

If elected, I would bring energy, collaboration and a strong commitment to strengthening connections among students, practitioners, educators and communities. I am particularly interested in contributing to professional development, networking, mentoring, member engagement and initiatives that strengthen the visibility and voice of social work across the Northern Territory.

Serving on the Committee would be an opportunity to give back to a profession that has shaped my career across three countries while contributing to its future in the Northern Territory.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate. I am very keen to contribute to the AASW Northern Territory Branch and to support the ongoing development and strengthening of the social work profession in the Northern Territory.