

14 September 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) – Aboriginal Director

I wish to submit an expression of interest for the above role with AASW. As an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, with a strong leadership background across health and human services.

I am well informed of the functions of a board and the governance obligations of members, on many occasions in Project Management and Executive roles I have provide internal reports and briefing notes to Chief Executive Officer, Executive Team and Board of Directors. I also have knowledge of the Governance role of Board of Directors and the financial accountability.

My career in Health has led to Executive opportunities in both primary and tertiary health, experience to date has provided me with the skills required to work in areas of health promotion, population health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and project management. I completely understand the challenges of working in diverse contexts of urban, rural and remote communities and the barriers individuals, families and communities face when accessing health services.

My most recent leadership role is Regional Manager Cancer Council Queensland, my experience over the past ten years, has equipped me with high-level governance, strategy, and risk oversight experience in complex service environments. These roles involved working closely with Boards, Executive Teams, and stakeholders to shape culturally safe, evidence-based services and system level change.

I have a strong understanding of human services frameworks, including trauma informed, strengths-based, and recovery oriented practice, developed through my Master of Social Work studies (JCU, 2024), frontline and executive roles, my focus has always been to embed in responsive practice and continuous quality improvement across service design and delivery.

I have a strong, personal understanding of the need for accessible, empowering services that uphold the rights and dignity of every person. My work has consistently championed equity, human rights, and the inclusion of community voice in governance and decision making.

Executive appointments allowed me to contribute to addressing health outcomes in the community, influence informed decisions and commission to high need population groups. At NQPHN my portfolio included the management and oversight of primary health contracts, this included maintaining commissioning and contractual requirements of relevant projects, programs, and funding including reporting requirements, budget oversight for all relevant funding activities, and risk management plans on a timely basis. This role required a high demand of risk mitigation of conflict, resolution, negotiation and consultation, with internal and external stakeholders.

I have demonstrated high level communication skills, including cross cultural communication, with proven ability to build effective networking relationships. My strengths are administration and business management, during my career I have been privileged to be guided by mentors on my Leadership journey, three of whom have agreed to be referees.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the Aboriginal Director. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Sincerely

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