

Candidate Statement – Tury To – NSW BMC

I am seeking election to the NSW Branch Management Committee of AASW because I am committed to strengthening the social work profession and supporting social workers from diverse backgrounds to build meaningful and sustainable careers in Australia.

I bring over 25 years of social work experience, having worked as a Registered Social Worker in Hong Kong before migrating to Australia in 2021. Since migrating, I have gained experience as an overseas-trained migrant social worker in both frontline practice and senior management. This journey has given me first-hand insight into the opportunities, challenges and barriers experienced by social workers who transition across countries and professional systems.

In recent years, I have worked as a private practitioner supporting victims of crime and people experiencing sexual dysfunction and sexuality-related concerns. Alongside my practice, I have worked as a social work educator across several Sydney universities. These roles have allowed me to remain connected with both professional practice and social work education, while supporting students and emerging practitioners as they develop their professional identities.

My key areas of interest include supporting migrant and internationally qualified social workers, strengthening support for new graduates, and contributing to constructive conversations about social work registration and professional recognition. I believe the profession benefits when the voices and experiences of diverse social workers are heard and reflected in professional leadership.

If elected, I hope to contribute a practical, inclusive and collaborative perspective to the NSW Branch. I would particularly like to help build stronger connections between experienced practitioners, migrant social workers and new graduates, and to advocate for professional development, inclusion and recognition across different areas of social work practice.

I would be honoured to contribute my experience, commitment and perspective to the AASW NSW Branch Management Committee.