



*Empowering Generations of
Culturally Strong, Thriving,
Aboriginal Children
Families & Communities*

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Yerrabi Yurwang Submission to National Culture Policy

On behalf of the Board of Yerrabi Yurwang Child and Family Aboriginal Corporation we put forward the following submission toward our support for the development of a new National Cultural Policy.

Yerrabi are pleased that the Australian Government have enabled consecutive national policies that have a strengthened focus on Culture which is essential to Aboriginal people's health, wellbeing and safety. We see this as a positive but crucial step toward the recognition of Australia's First Nations people and communities.

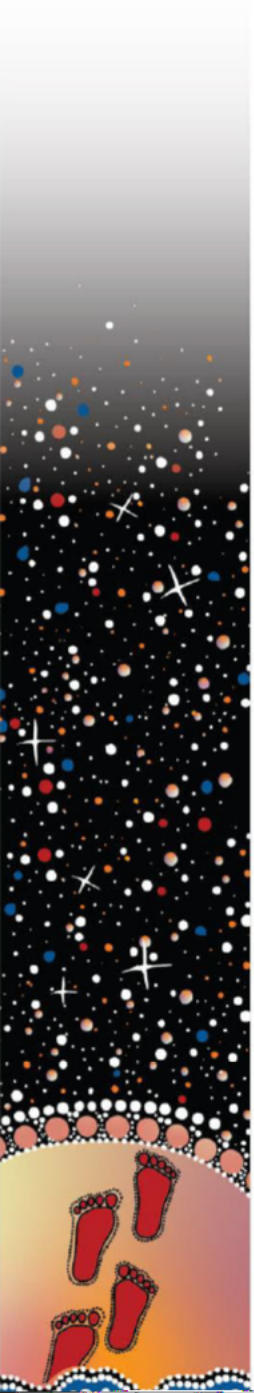
Yerrabi offers a significant contribution to the ACT's culture. As an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation in Canberra's North, led by an all-Ngunnawal board. Our Board is all Ngunnawal and Yerrabi takes pride in knowing that our place-based programs and services are designed to reflect the values, traditions and needs of our families ensure that our children grow in environments that celebrate our identity and heritage.

Our programs and services are underpinned by self-determination and cultural safety with a core aspect of our practice illustrating the importance that culture plays toward the overall wellbeing of our community.

Yerrabi has developed an operating and service model that is holistic, strengths-based and trauma-informed which adapts to meet the unique needs of our local Aboriginal community. Our programs and services significantly contribute toward cultural security through heightening Aboriginal voice; empowering generations of culturally strong and thriving Aboriginal children, families and local communities and increasing resilience in our future generations.

We know that our community are more than likely to seek support through our uniquely culturally supportive, accessible services. This practice shows the importance of empowering Aboriginal children, families and communities to choose their own futures from culturally-safe, secure and sustained foundations.

Yerrabi is making a real difference in responding to the need to improve the way that programs and services are delivered, we do this through a strengthened and secure cultural lens in our organisation's governance, management practice, collaborative partnerships and locally led service delivery.



Yerrabi is not just a service provider, because of our local community we are a pillar that encapsulates community strength, offering culturally safe places where children can thrive, families feel supported and our community envisions stronger futures. Our environment fosters confidence, resilience, and pride – qualities that ripple through our families.

We recognise the importance of this work and recommend strengthened processes that increase and heighten Aboriginal voice. We need to ensure that Aboriginal people and communities are engaged across the consolidation for any Pillar especially First Nations First and Strong Cultural Infrastructure where there needs to be increased engagement and support to local community and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. This will protect and support place-based focus that is strengthened on local cultural requirements.

We specifically concur with the policy intent to shape, continue to build and nurture a cultural landscape that is based on local community input, reflects local needs and support the diversity that is present across cultural considerations within place-based communities.

With respect,

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