



## **Voices of Young People to be Included in the 2019 Family Matters Report**

### **What is Family Matters?**

Family Matters- Strong communities. Strong culture. Stronger children is Australia's national campaign to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people grow up safe and cared for in family, community and culture.

Our goal is to eliminate the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care, by 2040. Out-of-home care refers to the care of a child outside the parental home, as required by the state government, including foster, residential and kinship care, family group homes and independent living.

Family Matters is led by SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, the national peak body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and a group of eminent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders from across the country. Family Matters is supported by a rapidly growing Strategic Alliance of approximately 150 dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous organisations.

### **We want to hear from you**

Each year, Family Matters releases the Family Matters Report which looks at what governments, organisations and communities across Australia are doing to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people grow up safe and cared for in family, community and culture.

In this year's report, we want to share what young people like you hope for and what you think we should all be doing to support you to achieve your potential.

### **Please answer the following questions:**

1. What is your name?
2. Where do you come from? Where does your mob come from?
3. How old are you?
4. What do you think is the most important thing we should all be doing to support young people like you to be happy and healthy and feel connected to your family, community, culture and country? (50-100 words)

## How we will use your information

A selection of responses received will be included in full or in part throughout the Family Matters Report. The report will be published and publicly available in October 2019. **We won't publish your name in the report, but we'll include your age, your mob and the views you've shared.**

Are you happy for Family Matters to share this information in the 2019 Family Matters Report? Please tick one box.

Yes, you can share the information I've provided

No, you cannot share the information I've provided

Thank you very much for your contribution. We will share the 2019 Family Matters Report with you by email once it's published so you can see how your views have been shared.

If you would like us to send you a copy of the report once it's released, please provide us with an email address: .....

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