

# ATSIWLAS

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Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry  
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George St QLD 4003

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Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: Mrs GAYLE JACKSON - HEARING 15 JANUARY 2013**

We refer to our telephone conversation with Mr Ryan Haddrick, Counsel Assisting.

We confirm that our client Ms Gayle Jackson will be appearing at the Commission of Inquiry on Tuesday 15 January 2013.

By reference to Practice Direction 2, we advise:

**(a) identifying the person or organisation whose interests are affected;**

Mrs Gayle Jackson. Please refer to (d) below.

**(b) naming the lawyer or other person proposed to represent the applicant if leave is granted;**

Mrs Colleen Henderson, Solicitor from The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service (ATSIWLAS) instructing Dr Jacoba Brasch of Counsel.

**(c) specifying the terms of reference the applicant is interested in;**

As discussed with your Mr Haddrick, our client seeks leave to appear under Terms of Reference 3 (c), and she would hope that her evidence would assist the Commission with respect to 6(b).

**(d) explaining the basis on which it is said the applicant's interests are sufficiently connected with or likely to be materially affected by the work of the Commission bearing in mind the Terms of Reference published on the Commission's website; and**

Ms Jackson is of the Gurang Gurang clan. Both her parents were Aboriginal, with her father from the Stolen Generation. Ms Jackson has had extensive experience with the child protection system through many roles: as a grandmother; a mother; a kinship carer; and member of her clan; as well as involvement with IFACSS and the systemic child protection process such as family meetings and Cultural Plans.

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She offers evidence based upon her direct experiences and observations of the child protection system, as it relates to Aboriginal children, families and communities.

She also offers evidence relevant to the over representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families within the child protection system. To that end, we note the Commission's emerging issues paper of September 2012 which raised this topic.

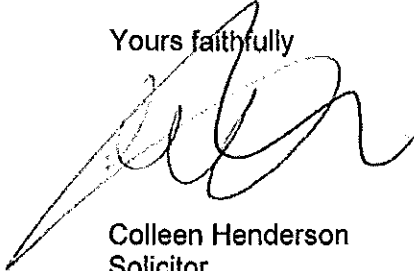
**(e) providing an address for correspondence or service of documentation.**

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If you need any further submissions with respect to this application, we will happily provide same.

Would you please confirm that leave will be granted to our client, for her to be represented when giving evidence before the Commission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Colleen Henderson', written over a faint dotted line.

Colleen Henderson  
Solicitor