



What the National Inquiry Can and Cannot Do

WHAT THE NATIONAL INQUIRY CAN DO:

- Look at the lost loved ones police files to examine the competency of the police response and investigation process to identify problems in individual investigations or in some cases, the lack of any investigation
- Look at the lost loved ones Crown prosecution files to examine the prosecution
- Look into the police investigation and crown prosecution files of survivors of sexual violence to examine the competency of the investigation and prosecution
- Make findings which illustrate patterns, mistakes or failings on behalf of police forces, and government institutions like police, child welfare, health and education
- Look at the impact of removing children from their families, extended families and communities through the child welfare system on making women and girls vulnerable to violence
- Look at the impact of intergenerational violence on making women and girls vulnerable to violence
- Look at the existence of racism and discrimination in the criminal justice system against Indigenous women and girls in terms of sentences issued to perpetrators of violence, including murder and homicide and wrongful death of Indigenous women and girls
- Look at policies and practices of government institutions like Native-owned children's welfare agencies that have worked at reducing the vulnerabilities of women and girls to fall victim to criminal activity in the forms of violence, wrongful death, unexplained disappearances
- Look at the policies and practices of communities which have helped to provide support and empowerment to their women and girls
- Referrals to the appropriate authorities

WHAT IT CANNOT DO:

- Re-investigate individual cases
- Declare who may be at legal fault
- Blame for a failed investigation, prosecution, search and rescue, or failure to save a life
- Award any sums of money for compensation
- Interfere with any active criminal case

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