

## National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Enquête nationale sur les femmes et les filles autochtones disparues et assassinées



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# National Inquiry announces dates for final submissions from Parties with Standing

**Vancouver**, **B.C.** – Today, the Commissioners of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls announced that final submissions from Parties with Standing will be heard at events in Calgary and Ottawa. Both proceedings will be open to the public to observe the formal statements made directly to Commissioners.

The final submission events are scheduled as follows:

- November 26-30, 2018 in Calgary, AB at Sheraton Suites Calgary Eau Claire
- December 10-14, 2018 in Ottawa, ON at The Westin Ottawa

"We are grateful to all Parties with Standing for their important contributions and look forward to hearing their valued insights on the wide breadth of evidence collected by the National Inquiry," said Chief Commissioner Marion Buller. "We are confident that their diversity of perspectives will deepen our understanding of this national tragedy and help inform the development of meaningful recommendations for government."

The National Inquiry granted official standing to approximately 100 parties, including persons and groups who have demonstrated a substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of the investigation, as well others with expertise and perspectives deemed essential for the National Inquiry to fulfill its mandate. Throughout the Truth Gathering Process, Parties with Standing have been active participants entitled to representation before the National Inquiry and to ask questions of witnesses as permitted.

The final submissions from Parties with Standing will mark the culmination of the National Inquiry's evidence gathering activities. Commissioners will submit their final report to the Government of Canada by April 30, 2019.



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