



NATIONAL CONGRESS
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Delegates for Chambers 1 & 2

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to become a Delegate to the inaugural National Congress meeting to be held on **7th - 9th June 2011 in Sydney**.

By being a Delegate to the National Congress, you will have the opportunity to participate in the development of a national policy agenda for Indigenous issues and be part of a new and exciting organisation that will advocate on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the country.

In order to be eligible to be a Delegate, you and your organisation must first be a member of the **National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Ltd** (the Congress). If you are not a member, then you will need to submit a membership application for both yourself and your organisation with your nomination by the deadline of **11th February 2011**.

If there are more than 40 nominations (20 male and 20 female) for your Chamber, a vote by members of each Chamber will take place in February to determine the final Delegates to the National Congress meeting. If less than this number is received, all eligible nominees will be accepted.

Once you have submitted your nomination, a vetting process will also take place that will include a National Police Check and a fitness to hold office test by the Ethics Council.

Following the completion of these processes, successful Delegates will be advised of their participation in April.

The Congress will provide for travel, meals and accommodation for the meeting. It is expected Delegates will arrive the day before proceedings start and depart the day after the National Congress closes.

At the time of notifying the successful Delegates to this year's National Congress, we will also call for nominations for six (6) Director positions that represent each of the three National Congress Chambers on the National Board. Further information on these positions will be posted on our website in the near future.

Inside this information pack you will find:

- A Delegate nomination form
- Membership forms for individuals and organisations
- A National Police Check Application form (the Congress pays the fee and submits the form)
- A Declaration of fitness to hold office form
- The Delegate Policy which outlines the roles and responsibilities of Delegates
- A draft Circular Motion that can be used to help your Board approve your application for membership.

You are required to complete and submit all forms by close of business on **11th February 2011**. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted. You will also be required to provide two referees to endorse your nomination.

Should you have any questions in relation to this process, please submit them to:

nominations@nationalcongress.com.au and include your telephone number if you would like one of our staff to contact you by phone.

Good luck with your nomination.

The National Congress of Australia's First People

Privacy The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Ltd will need to collect personal information from you. This will include personal information provided on this form, a police check report and any other supporting documents. This may also include other personal information collected by us if you become a delegate. The purpose of this collection is for the efficient and effective operation of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Ltd and will not be used for other purposes, except as authorised or required by law.

