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No FGM Australia



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PROTECTING GIRLS  
EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

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## Who are No FGM Australia?

- Tax deductible charity
- 3 Directors
  - Khadija Gbla
  - Paula Ferrari
  - Sybil Williams
- State Branches
  - NSW
  - Vic
  - Queensland
  - South Australia
- Active Volunteers
  - 50
  - Social Media supporters
  - Over 5000

## Our Mission:

- **Protecting Girls**
- All girls have the right to grow into the women they were born to be
- All children should be safe regardless of colour or background.
- **Empowering Survivors**
- Survivors have the right to high quality and dignified care
- Survivors have the right to access both physical and psychological support



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## Our work

- Advocacy for survivors
- Awareness raising and Education-for communities, professionals and the public
- Lobbying government
- Collaboration
- Connecting people to stakeholders or support



Evidence for FGM in Australia?



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Evidence for child protection?



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## Dr Sharon Raymond's 4Cs (2015)

- Screening tool to assess for risk of FGM:
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- › For all women and girls ask the first 2 questions:
  - 1. Do you come from a community that practices Cutting?
  - 2. Have you or any member of your family been Cut?
- › For children ask:
  - 'Does anyone intend to cut you or anyone you know?'
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- › For females who are pregnant or have daughters ask:
  - 'Do you or anyone you know intend to have your daughter(s) cut?'
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- For any woman or girl at risk of FGM follow your local Safeguarding Procedures.



# Empowering Survivors

- Need to improve access and quality of service dramatically
- Currently huge gap in service providers knowledge
- Massive barriers facing survivors
- Survivors expected to be teacher every time they visit a service provider

- **Physical care**
  - Obstetric
  - Gynae
  - Sexual
- **Psychological care**
  - Sensitive and appropriate
  - Should be considered as vital part of survivor health care

## Prioritising women

- Lack of efforts to find ways to improve the access of survivors to support they may need is highly discriminatory.
- All women have the human right to sexual pleasure
- Clitoral restoration in conjunction with psychological care should be considered urgently.





PROJECT  
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A Child Safeguarding Approach  
To FGM Prevention



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