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## Congress delegates span length and breadth of the nation

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples today announced Delegates to its first National Congress meeting.

Congress Co-Chairs Ms Josephine Bourne and Mr Sam Jeffries said they were proud of the experience, skills and diversity the Congress Delegates would bring to the inaugural meeting.

"We believe that participation of a diverse cross section of our members is the most important foundation for the inaugural meeting of the National Congress," said Ms Bourne.

"Our delegates represent remote, rural and urban communities and organisations from the Torres Strait to Tasmania, from Port Hedland to Rockhampton and Redfern.

"The expertise of Delegates nominated by member organisations will aid the policy discussions.

"Peak and local organisations include health, community development, education, disability services, family support, leadership development and sport," said Ms Bourne.

Mr Jeffries confirmed that nominations had also been opened for Delegates to apply to be one of the 6 remaining Directors on the National Board.

"The Congress was created to be guided and shaped by our membership. We've come a long way but have an even longer way to go," he said.

"The six remaining Directors will be elected from eligible Delegates at the first National Congress meeting.

"They will have the chance to provide statements to show their experience and commitment so Delegates can decide how to vote.

"A fully elected Board and a policy platform are the final parts to establishing the Congress.

"As the new Board incorporates the advice from Delegates and consults with the membership, the Congress will have a critical mandate to take forward over the next year," said Mr Jeffries.

The National Congress will be held at Homebush from June 7-9. A full list of Delegates and member organisations attending is attached.

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## National Congress Delegates 2011-2012

Aaron Williams, SA	Derek McInnes, NT	James Morrison, WA
Abigail Harry, QLD	Devon Cuimara, WA	Jackie Huggins, QLD
Adam Frogley, VIC	Dianne Collins, ACT	Jasmine Graham, SA
Alicia Veasey, QLD	Dianne Harvey, QLD	Jason Eades, VIC
Alwin Chong, NT	Ebony Allen, NSW	Jeanette Barker, NSW
Andrew Fernando, NSW	Elise Wall, QLD	Jennifer Stefanac, NSW
Andrew Jackomos, VIC	Elizabeth Childs, QLD	Jessica Smith, QLD
Angelina Akee, QLD	Elizabeth Taylor, NSW	Joanne Kerr, NSW
April Lawrie-Smith, SA	Eunice Aston, SA	John Shipp, NSW
Basil Coleman, SA	Florence Onus, QLD	John Singer, SA
Belinda Duarte, VIC	Francis Tapim, QLD	Justin Mohamed, VIC
Brett Burt, NSW	Gary Oliver, NSW	Karen Milward, VIC
Brian Wyatt, VIC	Geoffrey Sentence, ACT	Karen Read, NSW
Bruce Roper, WA	Geoffrey Simpson, NSW	Katie Kiss, NSW
Carla McGrath, NSW	Gerald Moore, NSW	Kenneth Bedford, QLD
Christopher Bourke, ACT	Geraldine Atkinson, VIC	Kenneth Torres, WA
Cindy Berwick, NSW	Glen Crump, NSW	Kevin Wanganeen, NT
Corey Ah Chee, SA	Glenda Humes, WA	Kim Morey, SA
Daphne Yarram, VIC	Glenda Kickett, WA	Klynton Wanganeen, SA
Darcel Russell, VIC	Glenda Thorpe, VIC	Latisha Petterson, NT
David Copley, SA	Hector O'Loughlin, WA	Lawrence Rankine, SA
David Follent, NSW	Helen Moran, ACT	Leeanne Enoch, QLD
Dennis Eggington, WA	Isabelle Adams, WA	Leanne Miller, VIC

Leita Meers, TAS	Paul Ralph, NSW	Sandra Phillips, QLD
Leslie-Ann Conway, WA	Peter Buckskin, SA	Selwyn Button, QLD
Leslie Kropinyeri, SA	Peter O'Mara, NSW	Sharon Kelly, SA
Luke Briscoe, NSW	Rhonda Gilchrist, NT	Sharron Williams, SA
Mark Rose, VIC	Richard Weston, ACT	Shayne Blackman, QLD
Masepah Banu, ACT	Robert Isaacs, WA	Sheryl Lawton, QLD
Maureen Sadler, NSW	Robert Somerville, WA	Sonia Brown, TAS
Melvyn Edmund, QLD	Rodney Little, ACT	Steven Widders, NSW
Michael Passi, QLD	Ronald Attwood, WA	Tammy Solonec, WA
Michael West, NSW	Rosemary Baird, NT	Tanya Akee, QLD
Napcia Bin Tahal, QLD	Rosemary Norman-Hill, QLD	Timothy Goodwin, VIC
Narelle Pasco, QLD	Russell Taylor, NSW	Venessa Curnow, QLD
Noeleen Lopes, QLD	Ryan MacDonald, QLD	Vicki Holmes, SA
Nolan Hunter, WA	Sam Jeffries, NSW	Victor Wilson, SA
Norma Ingram, NSW	Sandra Lee, NSW	William Butler, SA
Patricia Anderson, ACT	Sandra Miller, SA	William Gordon, QLD



## National Congress 2011-12 – Delegate Organisations

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation	National Secretariat of Torres Strait Island Organisations
Aboriginal Disability Network, NSW	National Native Title Council
Aboriginal Family Support Services	Nganampa Health Council
Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc.	Ngarrandjeri Regional Authority
Aboriginal Legal Service of NSW/ACT	NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
Aboriginal Legal Service of WA	Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc.
ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body	OP GED Makrems Rugby League Torres Strait Islander Corporation
Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association	QLD Aboriginal and Islander Health Council
Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation	QLD Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak
First Peoples' Disability Network	QLD Aboriginal & Islander Health Council
Gallang Place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation
Indigenous Committee and Associated Affiliates – ACTU	Stolen Generations Alliance
Indigenous Dentists' Association of Australia	Tasman District Pungenna Aboriginal Corporation
Indigenous Leadership Network Victoria	Tauondi Aboriginal Community College
KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated	Townsville Aboriginal & Islanders Health Services
Kimberley Land Council	Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Women
Kirrawe Indigenous Corporation	Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress
Lower Murray Nungas Club	Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated
Lowitja Institute	Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program
Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly	
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation	
National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy	
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group	