

# MISSING WOMEN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

## **NORTHERN COMMUNITY FORUMS QUESTIONS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

The Commission has invited written or oral submissions on all aspects of its mandate to recommend changes respecting the initiation and conduct of investigations in British Columbia of missing women and suspected multiple homicides. Based on our research and consultation to date, 7 questions and issues for discussion have been identified.

Please feel free to respond to one, several or all of the questions set out below.

As these questions are not intended to limit presentations, please feel free to provide us with your comments on other subjects within the Commission's mandate.

1. What can you tell us about the vulnerability of the missing women in Northern BC and other women who are at high risk of becoming victims?
2. How can police take this vulnerability into account in order to assist in preventing further crimes of this type?
3. How can police take this vulnerability into account in their investigations of missing and murdered women?
4. What can you tell us about your experience with the police at any stage of the initiation or conduct of an investigation into a missing or murdered woman's case?
5. What kind of barriers, if any, have you encountered in dealing with police in missing and murdered women cases? What should be done to overcome these barriers?
6. What progress has been made in implementing the recommendations relating to the initiation and conduct of investigations of missing and murdered women made in the Highway of Tears Symposium Report?
7. Are there other community initiatives related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of missing and murdered women that you would like to tell the Commission about?