



## *Finding Your Voice:*

### **Environmental Toolkit for Aboriginal Women**

# **NWAC Mandate**

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is founded on the collective goal to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations and Métis women within First Nation, Métis and Canadian societies.

NWAC is an aggregate of Native women's organizations from across Canada and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1974.

Much like a "Grandmother's Lodge", we as aunties, mothers, sisters, brothers and relatives collectively recognize, respect, promote, defend and enhance our Native ancestral laws, spiritual beliefs, language and traditions given to us by the Creator.

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This *Finding Your Voice: Environmental Toolkit* is intended to help Aboriginal women engage their communities in discussions about environmental issues and take the lead in making informed decisions.

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This Toolkit is intended to guide education on environmental issues for Aboriginal communities. It also provides suggestions on how to obtain more information on an issue and to direct individuals, as well as communities, to professional sources for clarity and support regarding environmental issues. The information presented here is not intended to influence decision making in anyway, nor does it reflect the opinions or recommendations of the authors regarding specific environmental issues. The authors emphasize that for full effectiveness this document is meant to be used in its entirety, and not be broken into separate sections.

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