

Professor Pat Dudgeon:

Professor Pat Dudgeon is from the Bardi people of the Kimberly area in Western Australia. She is a psychologist and Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society. Pat is a Professor and Poche Research Fellow at the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia in Perth, Western Australia. Her area of research includes Indigenous social and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention. Amongst her many commitments, she is a former Commissioner of the Australian National Mental Health Commission (completed 5 year term July 2017), deputy chair of the Australian Indigenous Psychologist's Association, chair of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders Mental Health, co-chair of the ministerial Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Advisory Group and member of NHMRC Mental Health Research Advisory Committee.

She is the executive director of the *National Empowerment Project*: an Indigenous suicide prevention project working with eleven sites in Aboriginal communities across the country, the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project* and the *Centre of Best Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention*.

Pat has many publications in Indigenous mental health in particular, the *Working Together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Wellbeing Principals and Practice 2014* and *Solutions that work: what the evidence and our people tell us: the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Evaluation Project Report*. She is actively involved with the Aboriginal community and has a commitment to social justice for Indigenous people.