



# Indigenous Gender Based Analysis

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# MACIW's Areas of Focus for 2019-2020

1. Advising government on **how to best support families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls** during the National Inquiry.
2. Advising government on **the value and importance of Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis** with regards to natural resource development.
3. Giving Voice Initiative – supporting **community-based and community-led healing**



# Advocating for Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis

The Firelight Group and Amnesty International have found that **Indigenous women and girls** are subjected to **the worst of the negative impacts** of resource extraction, including:

- Increased violence
- Sexual harassment and assault
- Substance abuse
- Increased incidents of sexually transmitted infections due to rape, prostitution and sex trafficking
- Increased demand for sex work



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Economic and resource development can negatively impact Indigenous women and girls – and put their lives and safety at risk – if **Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis** is not applied to development.

*“With the influx of camp workers into the area – along with a lack of education, awareness and support – we are finding that **more young people are being assaulted and exploited for sex.**”*

- Giving Voice Final Report

*“Fort St. James saw a **38% increase in sexual assaults** during the first year of the construction phase of an industrial project.”*

- Firelight Report



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- Transient (shadow) workers become immersed in “Rigger Culture”
- Hyper-masculine and male-dominated
- Sexist, misogynistic, and homophobic
- Mobile workforce disconnected from the region
- Isolated from friends and family while in camp
- Increased substance abuse and access to substances
- Disconnected lifestyle leads to depression and loneliness, fueled by “hyper-masculine” apathy towards self-care and a lack of services
- Access to disposable income can lead to “blowing off steam” in unhealthy ways



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“The model of the temporary industrial camp requires a mobile workforce that is disconnected from the region. This reinforces and recreates **historical patterns of violence** against Indigenous women”

-Firelight Report



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**Historical Patterns of Violence in Canada with Indigenous Women**

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Euro-Christian values placed women as:

- Accessories to men
- Dependent upon fathers, brothers, and husbands
- Not capable of leading households
- Not capable of participating in:
  - Education systems
  - Political institutions
  - Workplaces
  - Things outside of the domestic, Christian-orientated household



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Euro-Christian values influenced Canadian Law

- Centered “personhood” and “citizenship” around white, heterosexual men who held property
- Indian Status determined through men only – until recent history (1985 and Sharon McIvor case)
- Devaluing of Indigenous Women
- Historical pattern of violence and devaluation continues to present-day



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## Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis:

Begins from the position that colonization has – through a number of approaches and processes, including the forced implementation“ of patriarchal, western versions of governance and family-making – contributed to the historic and **contemporary marginalization of** Indigenous women in specific ways.



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To implement Indigenous Gender-Based Analysis means to **analyze** socio-cultural and historical realities resulting from **colonization and racism**.



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- In April 2016, MACIW presented to the Natural Resources Board on the importance of IGBA.
- In late 2017, MACIW presented to the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and the Minister of Environment to gain support for moving forward with implementing IGBA in Environmental Assessments in BC.
- Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity Office is supportive and a partner in implementing IGBA in Environmental Assessments and across government
- Industry Leaders/Partners are interested in coming on board to work with MACIW and province on how to implement IGBA in their existing and future Environmental Assessment processes
- Hosting IGBA workshop with government, industry, and Indigenous leaders, communities, and women to explore what IGBA can look like when applied to projects in BC in Fall/Winter 2019



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- **What Industry & Government can do?**
- **Government**
  - Incorporate IGBA into Environmental Assessment Process
  - Support development of IGBA tool-kit for industry
  - Apply IGBA to all legislation and policy writing
- **Industry**
  - Incorporate training for employees – Indigenous Awareness Training (*i.e. Canadian History Through the Lens of Indigenous Women – online training – Chastity Davis Consulting*), and working and living respectfully in host communities – on and off the job
  - Contact Ending Violence Association to have “Be More Than A Bystander” training for camp staff (EVA & BC Lions partnership)
  - Volunteer your project to be a pilot project in partnership with MACIW to take part in IGBA
  - Attend MACIW hosted IGBA workshop this Fall/Winter 2019



# Thank you!



- For more information on MACIW:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/minister-s-advisory-council-on-indigenous-women-maciw>