

Linda Ford

IFSW Indigenous commissioner

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Linda Ford is an Aboriginal woman from the Bigambul people of Southwest Queensland but grew up on Kalkadoon land in the Northwest part of Queensland. Linda has 26 years' experience as a Social Worker in rural, remote, and urban settings mainly in the fields of child protection, health, mental health, and tertiary education. Linda has previously presented to national and international conferences in the area of Aboriginal Health and Mental Health. In November 2021 Linda was appointed as the National Vice President of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and in January 2021 she was also appointed as the Australian Indigenous representative to the Indigenous Commission of the International Federation of Social Work (IFSW). In May 2021, Linda was appointed Senior Academic Lead, Allied Health at the Centre for Rural and Remote Health at James Cook University, Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia.