Paula Ferrari
No FGM Australia
Who are No FGM Australia?

- Tax deductible charity
- 3 Directors
  - Khadija Gbla
  - Paula Ferrari
  - Sybil Williams
- State Branches
  - NSW
  - Vic
  - Queensland
  - South Australia
- Active Volunteers
  - 50
  - Social Media supporters
  - Over 5000

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Our Mission:

• Protecting Girls
  • All girls have the right to grow into the women they were born to be
  • All children should be safe regardless of colour or background.

• Empowering Survivors
  • Survivors have the right to high quality and dignified care
  • Survivors have the right to access both physical and psychological support

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SAFEGUARD
Our work

• Advocacy for survivors
• Awareness raising and Education-for communities, professionals and the public
• Lobbying government
• Collaboration
• Connecting people to stakeholders or support
Evidence for FGM in Australia?
Evidence for child protection?
Dr Sharon Raymond’s 4Cs (2015)

• Screening tool to assess for risk of FGM:
  › For all women and girls ask the first 2 questions:
    • 1. Do you come from a community that practices Cutting?
    • 2. Have you or any member of your family been Cut?
  › For children ask:
    • ‘Does anyone intend to cut you or anyone you know?’
  › For females who are pregnant or have daughters ask:
    • ‘Do you or anyone you know intend to have your daughter(s) cut?’
  • For any woman or girl at risk of FGM follow your local Safeguarding Procedures.
Empowering Survivors

- Need to improve access and quality of service dramatically
- Currently huge gap in service providers knowledge
- Massive barriers facing survivors
- Survivors expected to be teacher every time they visit a service provider
• Physical care
  • Obstetric
  • Gynae
  • Sexual

• Psychological care
  • Sensitive and appropriate
  • Should be considered as vital part of survivor health care
Prioritising women

• Lack of efforts to find ways to improve the access of survivors to support they may need is highly discriminatory.
• All women have the human right to sexual pleasure
• Clitoral restoration in conjunction with psychological care should be considered urgently.
PROJECT SAFEGUARD
A Child Safeguarding Approach To FGM Prevention

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