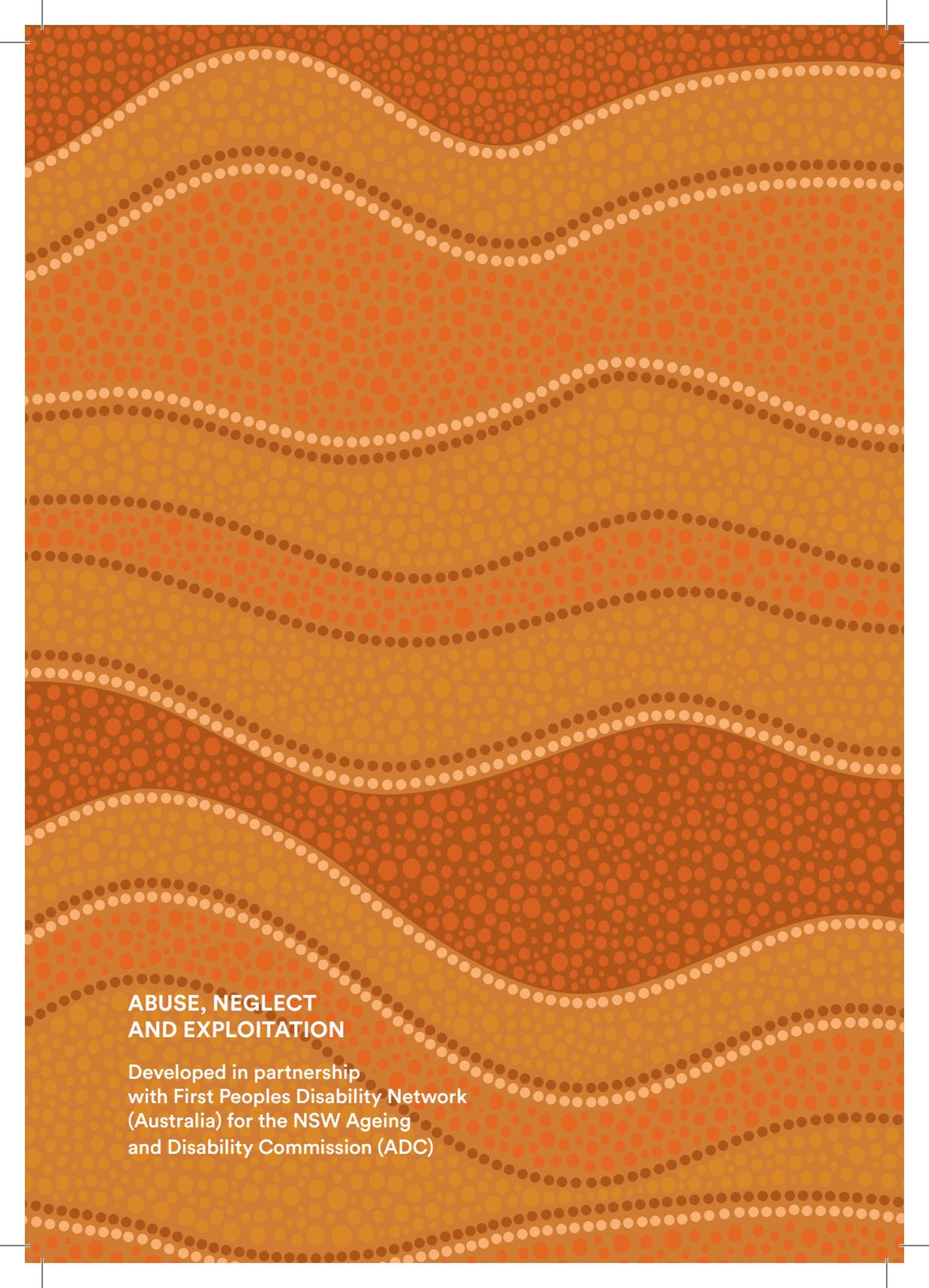


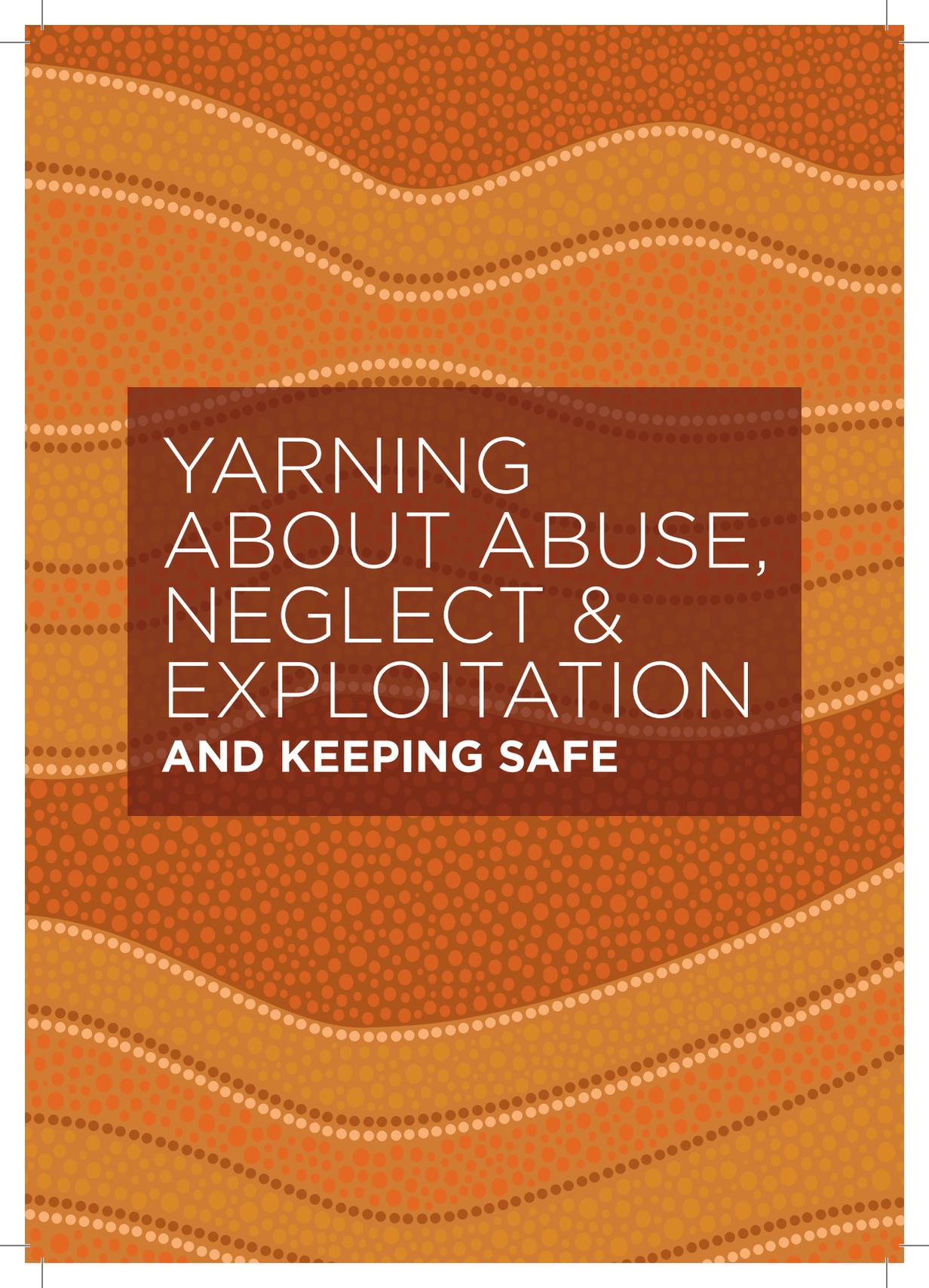
YARNING ABOUT ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION AND KEEPING SAFE

Ageing and Disability
Commission



ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION

Developed in partnership
with First Peoples Disability Network
(Australia) for the NSW Ageing
and Disability Commission (ADC)



YARNING
ABOUT ABUSE,
NEGLECT &
EXPLOITATION
AND KEEPING SAFE

Symbols
we use in
this book...

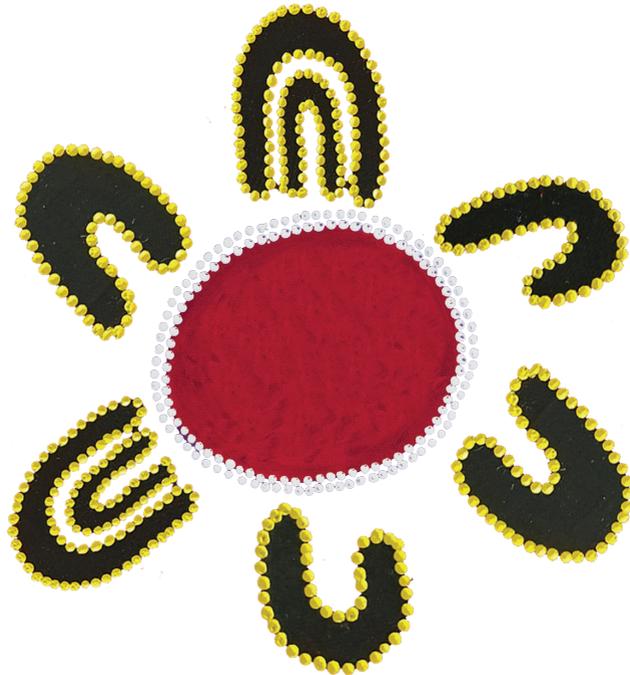


Elder/
Older person

Person with
disability



SOMETIMES, ELDERS AND MOB WITH DISABILITY EXPERIENCE...



Abuse

If someone is treating you badly

Neglect

If someone is not helping you the way they are supposed to help you

Exploitation

If someone is taking advantage of you

Here are some stories that people shared with us about their experience of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

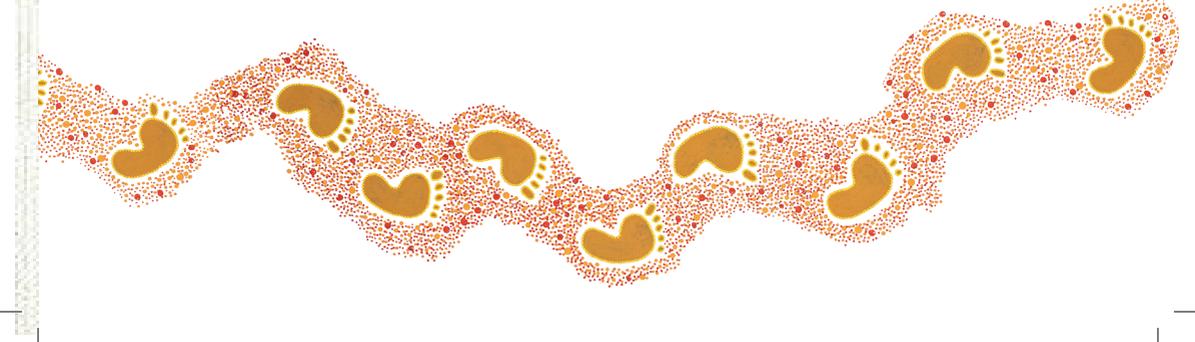




ABUSE STORY

“ I don't get to leave my house much because my carer won't help me to go outside. **”**

“ My sister's partner won't let her see me or any of her friends. We don't see her in community anymore unless she is with him. **”**

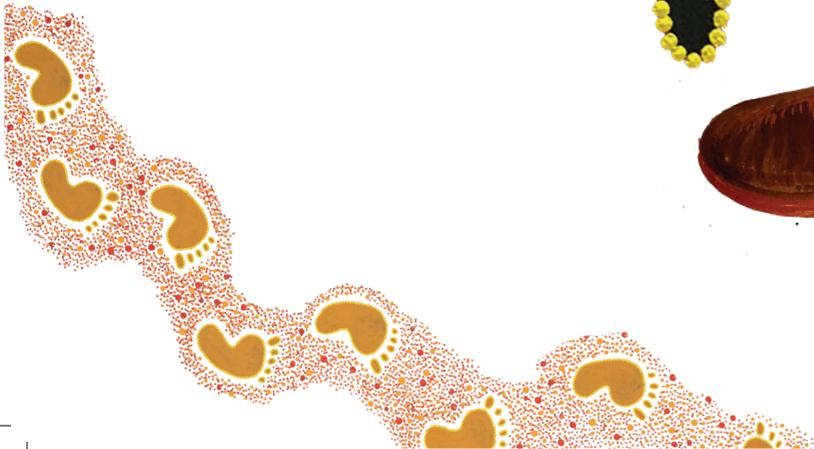


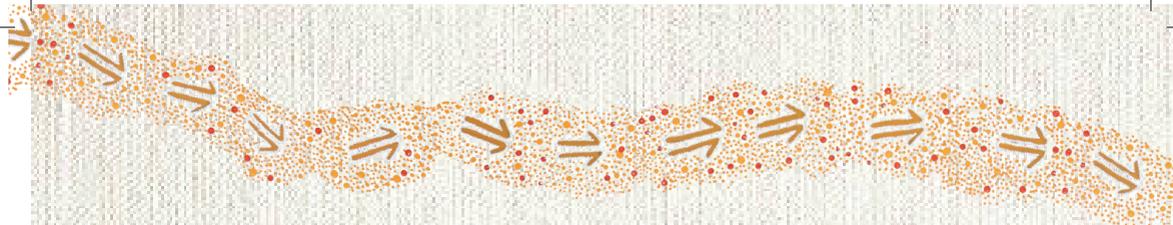


NEGLECT STORY

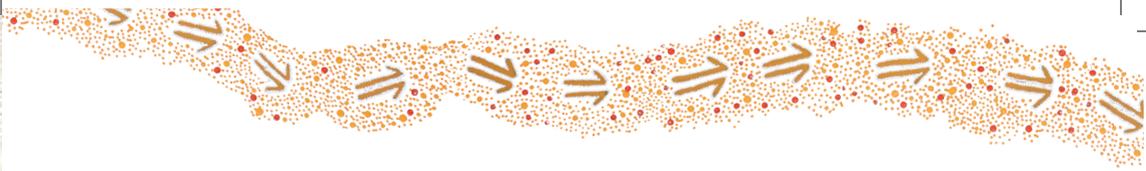
“ The people in my house won’t share their food with me, and I’m too old to get it myself. Sometimes I’m very hungry.

I spend a lot of time by myself before anybody checks on me to see if I need help. Sometimes I just sit in my chair all day.”









EXPLOITATION STORY

“ When I get my disability pension,
my relatives come around
and borrow money,
but they never pay it back. ”



KNOW YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS

There are laws to protect you from abuse, neglect and exploitation.



UNCRPD Article 16

Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse

This artwork shows a person with disability being protected by Elders, (the law makers) who are facing out to be protective of individuals, community and family. The shields represent protection from services, both non-Indigenous and Indigenous, that might want to do the wrong thing.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities is law in this country to protect you, these are your rights.



UNCRPD Article 28

Adequate Standard of living and social protection

Shows an Elder and a person with disability having access to fresh food, bush tucker and fresh water – represented by animal tracks and coolamon, and a safe place to live – represented by a yarning circle around a campfire.

SELF DETERMINATION

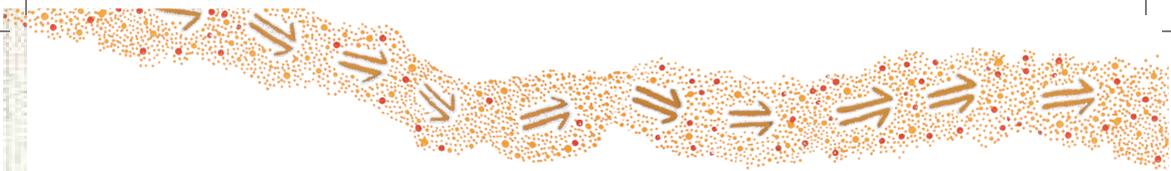
**We have the right to
have a say in how our
lives are governed;**

**We have the right
to participate in
decisions that
affect us.**

*United Nations
Declaration on the Rights
of Indigenous Peoples
(UNDRIP)*

**Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Elders and
mob with disability have
the right to:**

- connect to their country and their culture
- participate in community
- have access to appropriate services and supports
- form relationships and live with who they want
- travel any place they want
- access to education
- freedom from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- access to Justice
- access to fresh food and water
- a safe place to live



GET HELP

If you feel that you have experienced abuse, neglect or exploitation in your family, home or community and need help to talk about it, you can contact the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission.



**NSW Ageing
and Disability
Abuse Helpline**

1800 628 221
Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

Email

helpline@adc.nsw.gov.au

Website

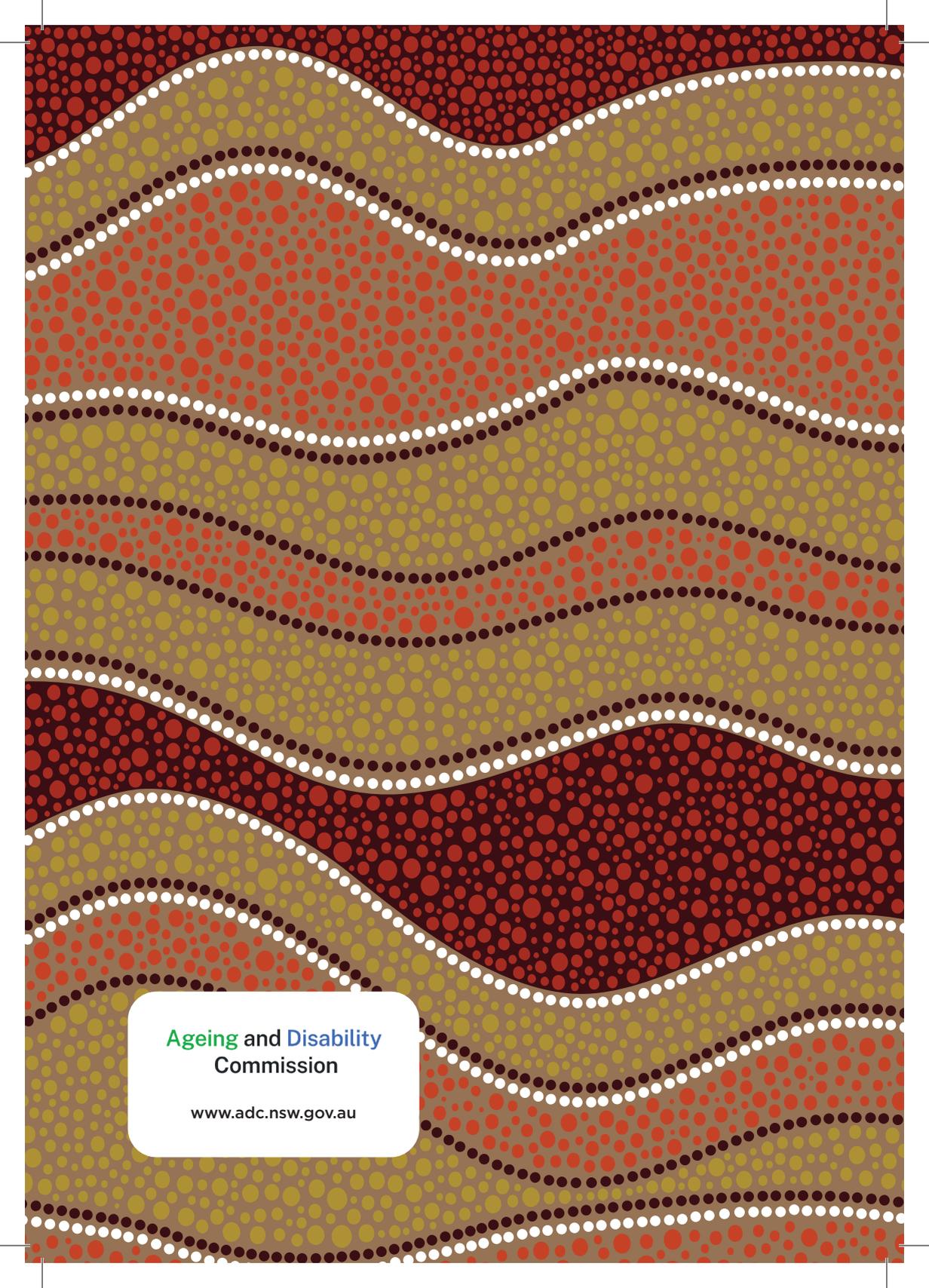
www.adc.nsw.gov.au

**Ageing and Disability
Commission**
In Partnership with



First Peoples
Disability Network
Australia





Ageing and Disability
Commission

www.adc.nsw.gov.au