



## MITRA KHAKBAZ

### DIRECTOR



Mitra Khakbaz was appointed to the NAATI Board of Directors on December 1, 2016. Mitra is an Executive Manager with MDA Ltd where she oversees regional settlement, employment, community wellbeing, youth settlement, case work and intensive support services.

She has worked in the multicultural sector since coming to Australia from Iran in 1994. She has a strong commitment to women's and children's rights and in 2013 was awarded a Churchill Fellowship on improving the economic participation of refugee women at risk.

Previously, Mitra worked as the Coordinator for the Centre for Multicultural and Community Development at the University of the Sunshine Coast. She oversaw community development projects on regional settlement, parenting across cultures, families and cultural interface, youth engagement, women's empowerment, cultural competency and anti-racism training. She also organised three international conferences on confronting racism and multicultural families.

Mitra has many years of high-level involvement with various community organisations. She was a Board Member of DV Connect for over 10 years until 2012 and has been a management committee member of the Immigrant Women's Support Service and the Churchill Fellowship Association of Queensland. Mitra is currently the co-chair of the Queensland Community Alliance.

Mitra holds a Masters Degree in Applied Linguistics, a Masters Degree in Social Administration and a Postgraduate Diploma in Community Development and Social Policy. Ms Khakbaz's term expires on November 30, 2019.