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Keywords: status quo; duty-of-care; Indigenous auntie; classroom ethics



Aunties House, part of *Her Body Will Remember*. Kelowna Art Gallery, Kelowna, 2019.

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