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DFSV Commission responds to today's National Cabinet meeting.

The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission (the Commission) welcomes the outcomes from today's National Cabinet meeting.

Today, National Cabinet agreed a comprehensive \$4.7 billion package that harnesses important opportunities to work together to prevent violence and support legal services.

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner, Micaela Cronin, said “I welcome the outcome of today's National Cabinet to provide extra funding to help tackle men's violence against women and children.”

“Community legal centres – including those focusing on family violence and serving First Nations people – often provide an invaluable holistic response, wrapping whatever needs to be done around the people they work with. Today's agreement between the Commonwealth and states and territories recognises this important work.”

Commissioner Cronin highlighted the importance of federal, state, and territory governments working together to better support organisations supporting those who have experienced violence.

“As I said at the National Press Club, frontline services are stretched to the absolute limit and extra funding will help them meet demand. It is now imperative that all levels of government work collaboratively to tackle this national issue.”

Today's National Cabinet meeting also recognised the *National Plan to End Violence Against Women 2022-2032* as a strong foundation, but identifies areas where we can accelerate change, namely:

- Supporting frontline services
- Working with men who use, or at risk of using, violence
- Support for children and young people who have experienced harm
- Addressing the impacts of alcohol.

Commissioner Cronin supported this, stating “The priority areas identified by National Cabinet are underscored by the findings of the rapid review and of the Commission's yearly report to Parliament. We need to activate all levers that are within our control – for government, that includes our early intervention and child protection services, policing and justice systems, and alcohol regulations.”

“In particular, the trauma of experiencing violence in childhood can be life changing, which highlights the importance of interrupting cycles of violence to promote healing and prevent future harm.”

“I look forward to working with governments and service providers to monitor implementation of these announcements so we can achieve the outcomes of the National Plan,” Commissioner Cronin said.

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