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## Episode 1: Introducing Voices Towards 2050

### Transcript

Hello, and welcome to our podcast, Voices Towards 2050: Ending Gender-Based Violence. All Australian governments have made a commitment to ending gender-based violence in a generation. If we're going to achieve that goal, we need to believe that it is possible. We need to be able to visualise it and see how we can achieve it. I'm Micaela Cronin, Australia's first Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner, and I'm proud to introduce you to our podcast, Voices Towards 2050.

I get asked a lot about the goal to end gender-based violence in one generation, and I'm often challenged about it. But what other goal should we be aspiring to?

The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission was established in 2022 to promote the national plan to end gender-based violence, monitor the plan's impact and provide strategic advice to government about how to achieve its objectives. We have been established to amplify the voices of people with lived and living experience and to foster collaboration and coordination across governments and communities. Through this podcast series, we want to explore a vision for 2050, one generation from now, that is free from gender-based violence. We'll talk about the actions we must prioritise, the opportunities we can seize, and challenges we must address together. You'll hear from people who are passionate about ending violence, from the frontline sector, advocates, people with their own lived experience, and other prominent voices, sharing their knowledge, vision, and ideas for building a future where everyone can live free from violence. Together, through thoughtful dialogue, rigorous research, sustained effort, and our collective action, we can achieve a safer and more equitable Australia for everyone.

We need to believe it is possible and have hope in a future that is free from gender-based violence. Hope is a muscle, and it needs to be exercised. I'm looking forward to some fascinating and challenging conversations. Please join me on this journey and help us shape the future.

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