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## Lived experience video transcript: Akii

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Hi I'm Akii, my pronouns are they/them, and I'm a member of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commissioner's Lived Experience Advisory Council. I am really passionate about ensuring that there are diverse intersectional experiences are considered in all aspects of policy process and law making especially in the domestic family and sexual violence space.

Often in communities where you're a person of colour or from a refugee background there are additional cultural considerations. Also I'm a person with physical disability as a result of intimate partner violence so I think having that intersection but also the intersection of being a disabled person I bring a lot to the table in terms of my unique intersectional diverse lived experiences so I think that's really crucial to ensure that I can represent as many people as possible recognising that I am still just one person.

Violence doesn't discriminate, so domestic family sexual and all types of violence are preventable, but they don't discriminate. However, it does disproportionately impact people with disabilities, particularly women, girls and gender diverse people. So yeah, just my passion and my understanding, my professional background as well is in public policy and in inclusion and in accessibility so really contributing my skills in a practical way, but also a personal unique living experience way.

In terms of what I'm most proud of – getting some of our stakeholders to get trained in Easy English so that moving forward that all their content will be more accessible to the community. That's one step and that was one organisation, but at least there's some change that we're hoping to grow and I think just there are so many opportunities for growth and we're starting that momentum now and we hope to continue to really leave a lasting legacy. Setting everyone up for success is hopefully what we can all do but particularly from a accessible point of view. I truly believe that if you uplift the most marginalised community members everybody else benefits and accessibility benefits everyone and disadvantages no one.

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