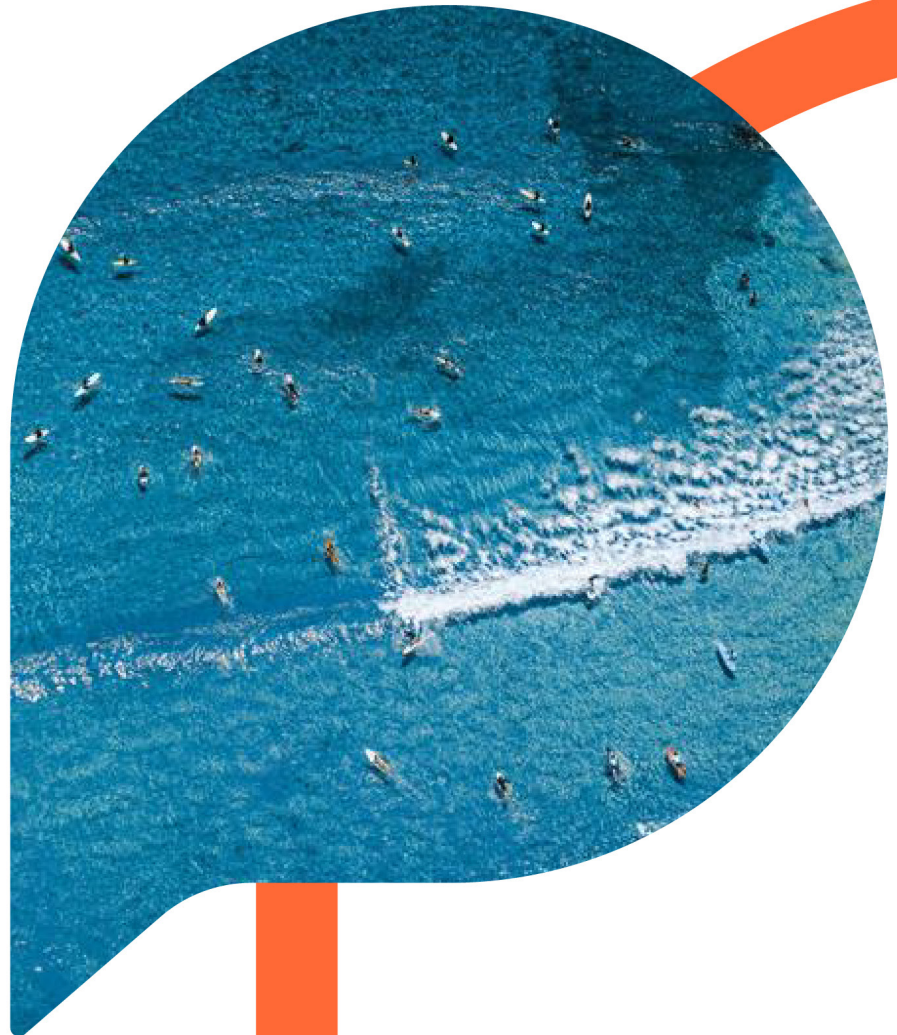
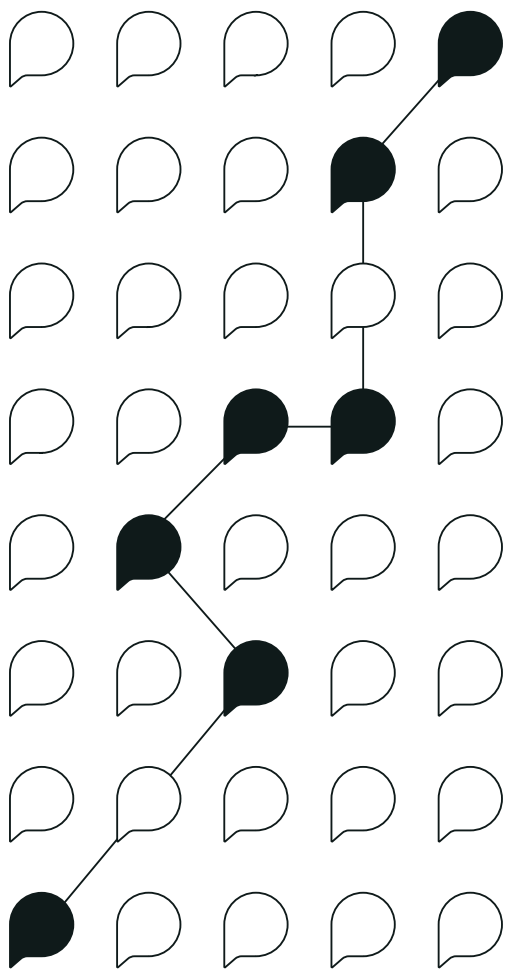


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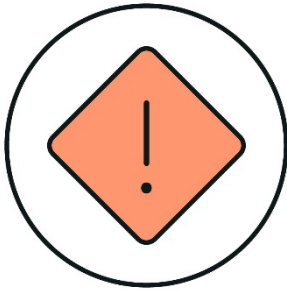
The National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–2032

Easy Read version





A warning about this report



In this report, we talk about **family and domestic violence**.

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This also includes **sexual violence**.

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You can talk to someone you trust if you:

- need support to read this report
- don't feel comfortable to read this report.

How to use this report



We are the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission.

We wrote this report.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page [35](#).



This is a long document.

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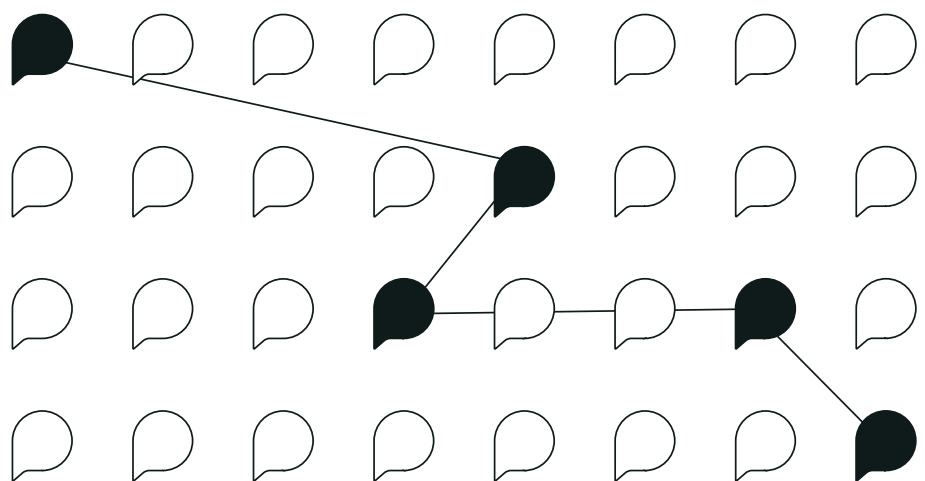
This is an Easy Read summary of another report.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other report on our website.

www.dfsvc.gov.au/yearly-report-parliament-2024-2025



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About this report



This report is about the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2023.

We just call it the National Plan.



The National Plan looks at **violence** that mostly affects women and children.

Violence is when someone:



- hurts you



- scares you



- controls you.



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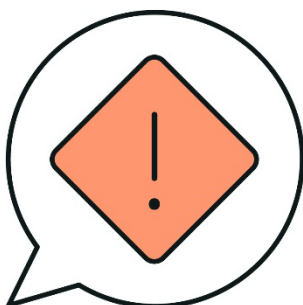


You can experience sexual violence from:

- someone you know
- someone you don't know.



This report explains what governments and the community must do in the next 12 months to help end violence against women and children.



When we talk about violence in this report, we mean:

- family and domestic violence
- sexual violence.

Our recommendations



Recommendations are ideas for how to make something better.



The recommendations in this report ask the Australian Government to act now.

This will make sure the National Plan:



- builds on what we have achieved so far



- works to achieve its goals.

Our recommendations are about 3 main areas:



- What needs to happen quickly.



- Important areas to focus on.



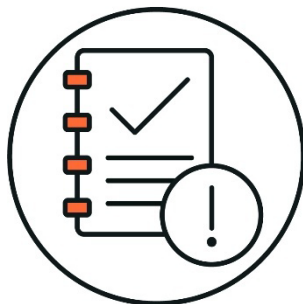
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What needs to happen quickly

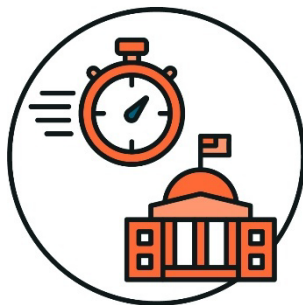
Start making the next action plan



We want to end violence against women and children by 2050.



The next action plan will be very important for this goal.



Governments should start working on the next action plan straight away.



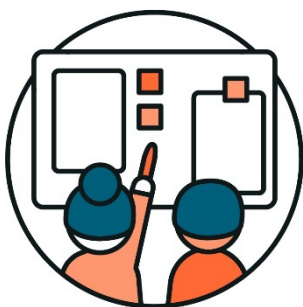
The action plan should be ready to use by the end of 2026.



Governments in Australia must work together on the next action plan.



Governments must also use **co-design** to create the next action plan.



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Co-design makes sure people who will use or be affected by something get to have their say.

This includes people who:



- have experienced family and domestic violence



- have experienced sexual violence



- make rules

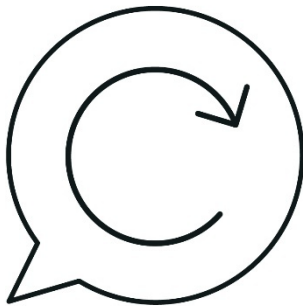


- are researchers.

Governments should also:



- check the action plan every 12 or 18 months



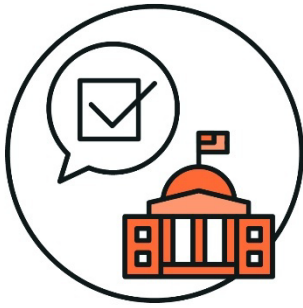
- share updates with the community.

Find new ways to work together



The Australian Government should create a new way for governments to work together on the National Plan.

This includes:



- making it clear what each government needs to do



- making sure the Australian Government keeps focusing on ending violence.

Become stronger



We need to make the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission stronger.



This includes more power to collect **data** that checks how the National Plan is working.



Data includes information and facts we collect to help us learn about something.

ANROWS

We need to make Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) the main group that leads research about women's safety.

Important areas to focus on



Governments should focus on 7 main areas.

We explain these areas below.

1. Lived experience



People with **lived experience** have experienced violence in their own lives.



We get advice from a group of people with lived experience.

The group is called the Lived Experience Advisory Council.



This group will help create new plans about how to hear from more people with lived experience.

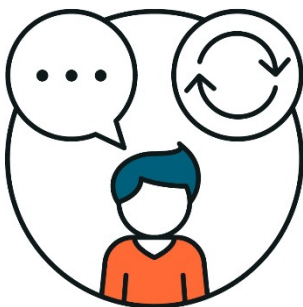


We will also check how well governments in Australia get advice from people with lived experience.

2. Children and young people



We must focus on what children and young people need.

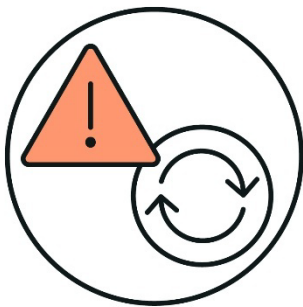


This means listening to:

- what they tell us
- how things change for them.



Our plans often talk about what children need.



But we don't do enough to change things for them.



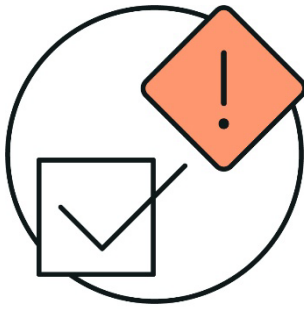
We must do more to help all children grow up:

- without violence
- feeling safe to be who they are
- knowing how to speak up.



We will create a new group of young people to share advice.

The advice will be about how to:



- plan better actions to end violence



- run more activities for children



- support more programs for children who are not cared for by an adult



- protect children from sexual violence.

3. Work with men and boys



We will make sure we work with men and boys across Australia.

This work will focus on:



- talking men and boys about healthy ideas for what it means to be a man



- how to help improve the ideas of men and boys who don't respect women



- rules for programs across Australia to help men improve the way they behave.

4. First Nations communities



There is another plan being written about how to end violence against women and children in First Nations communities.



The Australian Government should make sure they listen to and include First Nations people when they make decisions about this plan.

This includes First Nations:



- communities



- organisations



- leaders



- people with lived experience of violence.



The Australian Government should do more to check how well government plans are protecting First Nations women and children from violence.



The Australian Government should also use more money to support Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

5. People with disability and violence



Governments should learn from people with disability who have experience of violence.



This includes people with disability who have:

- experienced violence
- used violence.



The Australian Government is also making a new document to explain how the National Plan helps women and children with disability.



This document is called the Disability Lens to the First Action Plan.



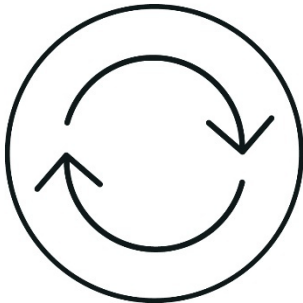
The Australian Government should share this document in 2025.

6. Sexual violence

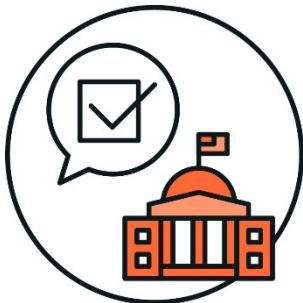


The Australian Government should create a clear plan about how to improve services that protect people from sexual violence.

This plan should explain:



- when changes need to happen



- what different parts of the government need to do.



The Australian Government should also focus on ending sexual violence against children.

7. Check other recommendations



The Australian Government should check all the recommendations they have about violence against women and children.

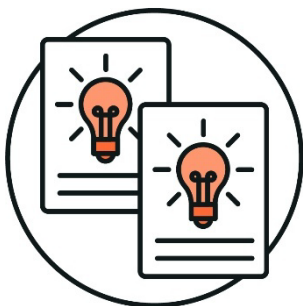
There have been a lot of recommendations from different:



- parts of the government



- organisations.

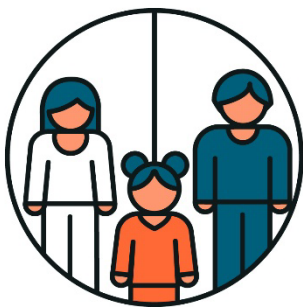


These recommendations are often very similar.

The Australian Government should focus on recommendations about:



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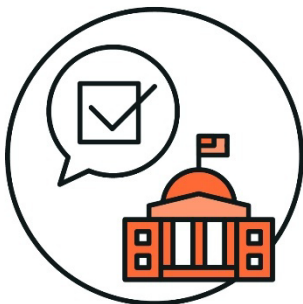


- how parents support children when they don't live together.

The Australian Government should make it clear:



- when changes need to happen



- what different parts of the government need to do.

Research and services

Support more research

ANROWS

We need to keep supporting ANROWS.

ANROWS can help:



- decide what to focus research on



- connect research from different places



- share what we learn from research.

Create a funding plan



We need to create a **funding** plan that shows how governments spend money to end violence against women and children.



Funding is money from the government that pays for services and supports.

Train more healthcare workers



We need healthcare services to support our work to end violence against women and children.



We need to train more healthcare workers to know how they can help end violence against women and children.



We need to support more First Nations people to work in healthcare.



We need to support healthcare services to understand how to care for **multicultural** people who have experienced violence.



Multicultural people:

- come from different backgrounds
- speak languages other than English.



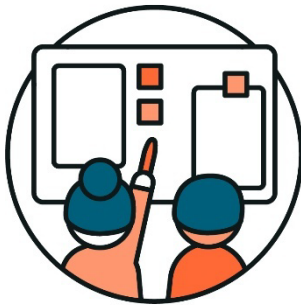
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For example, organisations that speak up for people who have experienced violence.

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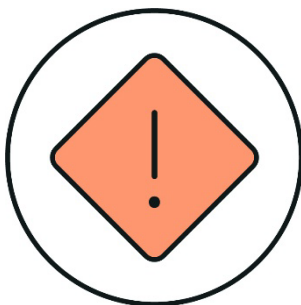
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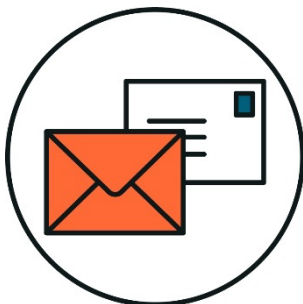
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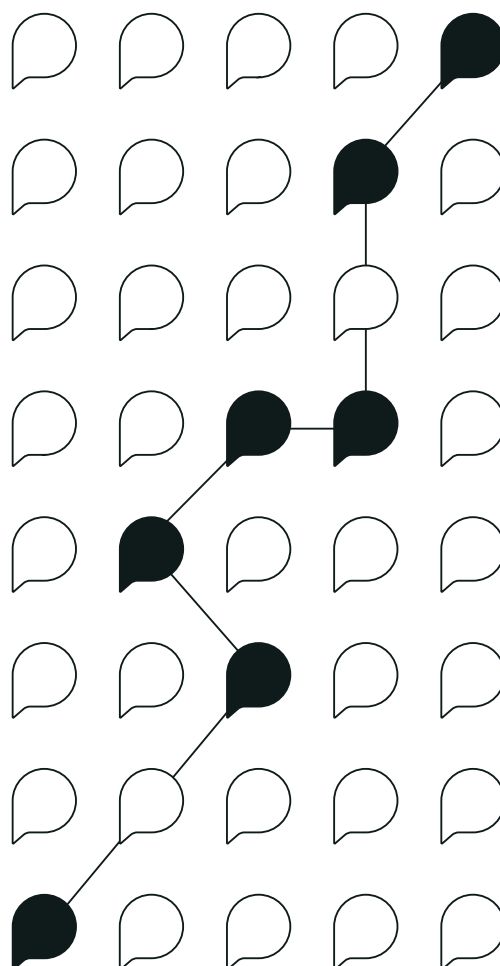
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