

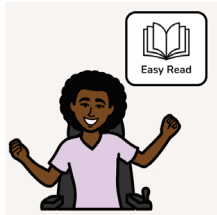


Submission to inform the Second Action Plan under the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032*



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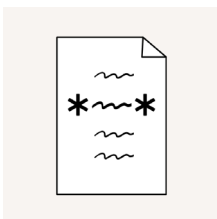
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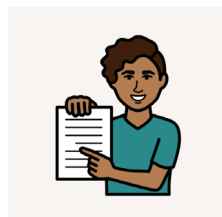
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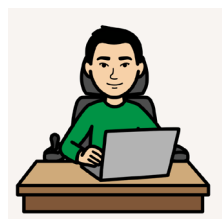
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We explain what new words mean.



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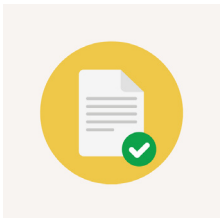
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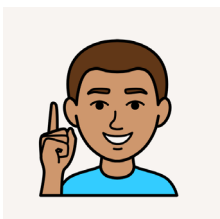


Our ***submission*** is a document with our ideas and advice for the government.

Our submission is for an Action Plan

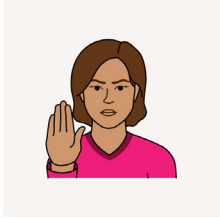


An ***Action Plan*** is a document with goals and steps to reach them.

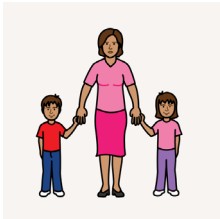


This book explains our submission for a Second Action Plan.

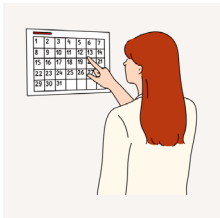
What is the Second Action Plan about?



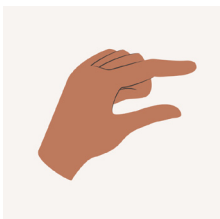
The Second Action Plan is about what to do in the next 5 years of ***Australia's National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children***.



The National Plan helps stop violence against women and children in Australia.



The National Plan goes from 2022 – 2032.



The Second Action Plan is for the second half of the National Plan.

Why did we make our submission?

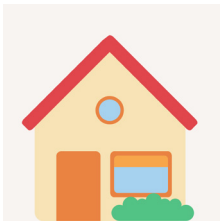


We made our submission to help the Australian government

- end family violence



- end sexual violence



- end ***domestic violence***.

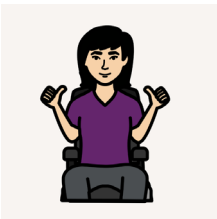


Domestic violence is harm caused by people you are close to.
For example family or partners.

We did consultations

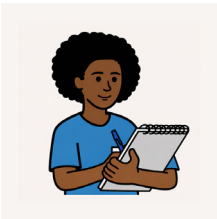


We did ***consultations*** to make our submission.



Consultations mean we listened to

- people who have experienced domestic, family or sexual violence



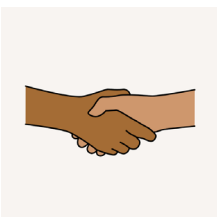
- leaders and experts



- researchers



- government

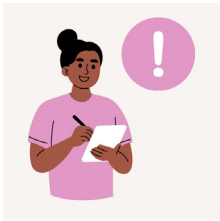


- partners.

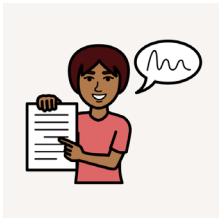
Priority Areas



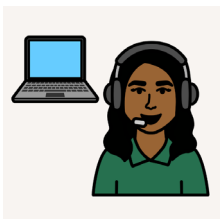
Our submission includes
9 ***priority*** areas.



Priority means important.

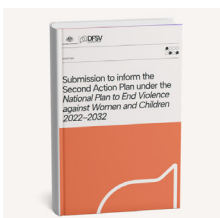


We summarise each area in this book.

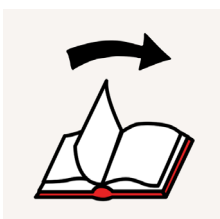


To learn more about
each area, you can

- contact us

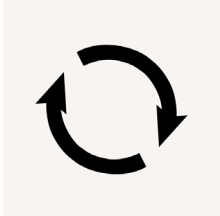


- explore the full submission.



Helpful contact information
is at the end of this book.

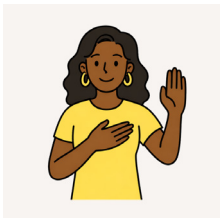
1 Improved accountability and transparency at all levels



Area 1 is about helping service ***systems*** to work in better ways.



Systems describe how different organisations work together.

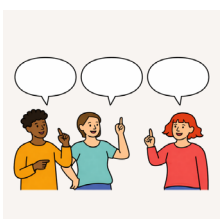


It is important for services and governments to

- explain what they do and own their decisions



- make it safe for people to access services without being harmed



- use feedback to get better over time.



We want to see better and safer systems across

- legal and justice systems



- police systems

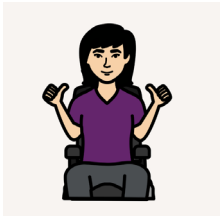


- government systems.

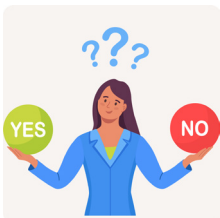
2 Lived experience engagement must be ongoing, resourced and accountable



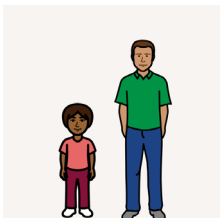
Area 2 is about including people with ***lived experience*** as experts.



Lived experience means the person has experienced domestic, family or sexual violence.



People with lived experience should help government plan and also make decisions.



This includes children, young people and adults.



Governments should work with people with lived experience in ways that

- feel safe



- have a true impact



- feel ***inclusive***. Inclusive means all people are welcome to take part.

3 Sexual violence and abuse require sustained national action



Area 3 is about stopping sexual violence.



We want Australia to do more to stop sexual violence.

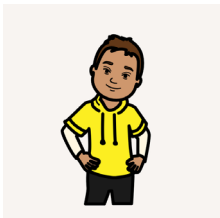
4 Take targeted and focused action in response to areas of ongoing concern



Area 4 is about focusing on big problems that keep happening Australia.



For example, family law must be safer and fairer for people who experience domestic, family and sexual violence.



The needs of children in family law systems must be met in better ways.

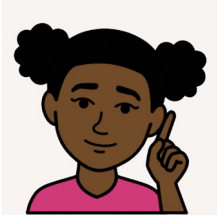


Family law must not be used in ways that help people who use violence.



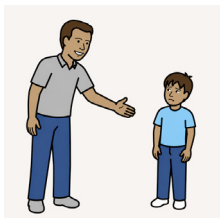
Police must learn about safe and fair ways to help people.

5 Children and young people are rights-holders who want to break the cycle of violence

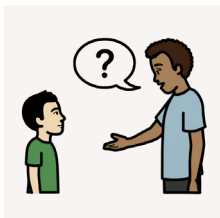


Area 5 is about

- listening to children and young people

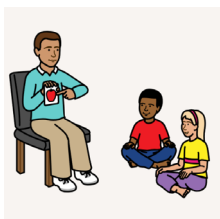


- working with children and young people in better ways.

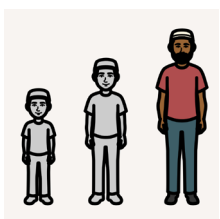


We need to

- properly help children and young people as separate from their parents



- teach children in ways that are right for their age



- make sure services are a good fit for people of different ages.

6 Improve access to coordinated, inclusive and recovery-orientated support

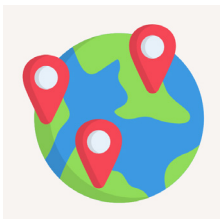


Area 6 is about making services more inclusive.



Inclusive services must better meet the needs of

- people with disability



- people who have different cultural backgrounds



- groups more likely to experience domestic, family and sexual violence. For example, women with disability.



Services must work together to make sure they are

- easier to find



- easier to use.

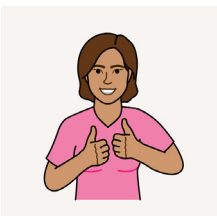


Supports for victims need to focus on helping people recover.



Governments should pay to build services and supports in ways that

- meet community needs

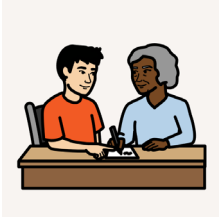


- are easy to understand

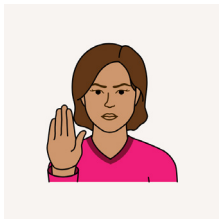


- clearly explain how money is used.

7 Strengthen early intervention and prevention across the life course



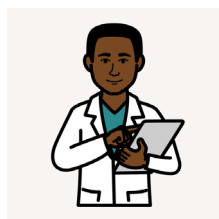
Area 7 is about ***early intervention***.



Early intervention means you stop the problem before it gets worse.

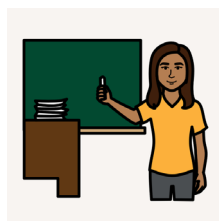


Governments must help services to do more early intervention.



Services might be

- doctors



- teachers.

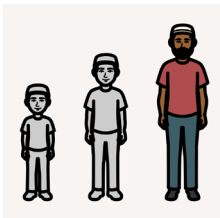


Governments should give services

- information and tools



- better training to build knowledge and skills about domestic, family and sexual violence.



Work on ***prevention*** should start early and keep going across all life stages.



Prevention means you stop the problem before it starts.

8 A comprehensive and strategic approach to ending men's violence is needed

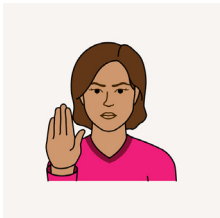


Area 8 is about violence used by men.



Governments must use research to

- stop men who use violence



- stop violence from repeating or getting worse over time



- deal with the things that make men violent to begin with.



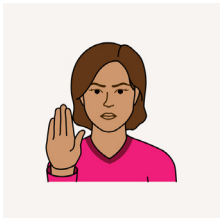
For example, teaching men and boys about how to show respect.

9 All systems, government and non-government, must enable safety and prevent harm



Area 9 is about

- making systems and services safer



- focusing on prevention.

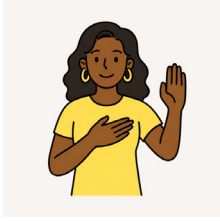


We need to work at all levels including

- government systems and services



- non-government systems and services.



Governments must help services across Australia to work in ways that

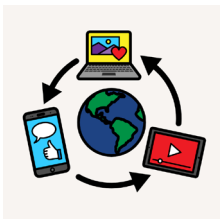
- do not cause harm



- are ***consistent***.

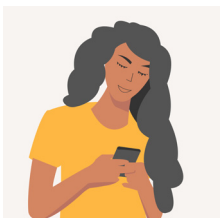


Consistent means the same in different places.



We also want more focus on harm that happens

- online



- through technology, like mobile phones.

Measuring progress

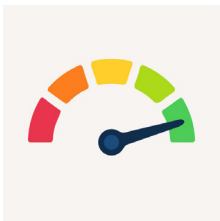


The Second Action Plan must clearly explain

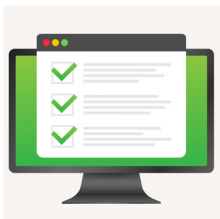
- changes we expect to see



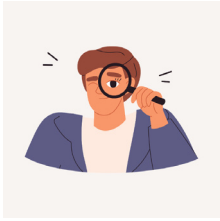
- who is in charge of doing different steps in the plan



- how changes will be measured



- how progress will be explained and shared.

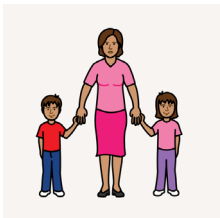


We also want governments to

- check if the plan is working over time

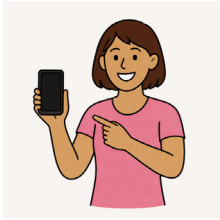


- make changes to the plan if it is not working



- make sure the needs of people with lived experience are met.

Learn more



Contact the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission to learn more.



Website www.dfsvc.gov.au

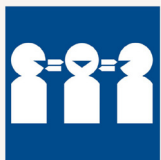


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