

Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change

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On 24 November 2016, the Victorian Government announced it will be delivering reforms to provide services and facilities for Victorians experiencing family violence.

The reforms will be supported by a 10 Year Investment Plan to implement changes to family violence services and facilities.

Announced on the day before White Ribbon Day, the *Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change* is a 10 year plan outlining the Victorian Government's response to how it will deliver the 227 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

The Government has announced it will create new bodies to ensure the effective operation of these new services and facilities, including:

- The Victorian Centre for Data Insights which will change the way government collects and analyses information about at risk cases of family violence;
- A co-ordination agency to oversee the operation of the Support and Safety Hubs;
- A prevention agency with dedicated funding focusing on providing advice on best practice on service delivery; and
- A Centre for Workforce Excellence to focus on creating the strongest possible workforce.

The key reforms outlined in the *Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change* include:

- Support and Safety Hubs, which will be established to create a network across Victoria where those experiencing family violence can access services and facilities to feel safe;
- New family violence specialists, who will be employed to ensure women and children experiencing family violence will be able to access necessary services to maintain their everyday life;
- An allocation of a further \$218 million in social housing and private rental assistance;
- Upskilling Victoria Police with specialist training in order to better respond to family violence with the creation of the *Victoria Police Family Violence Centre of Learning*;
- Changes to legislation to enable better sharing of information so a victim survivor's right to safety isn't undermined by a perpetrator's right to privacy; and
- Initiate a Primary Prevention strategy, alongside a state-wide behavioural change campaign, to help stop family violence happening in the first place.

Investment in the *Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change* will be in addition to the initial \$572 million announced in the 2016-17 Victorian Budget.

Further Information

The Victorian Government's *Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change* is available [here](#).

Hawker Britton's Occasional Paper on the *Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence Final Report and Funding Announcements* is available [here](#).