

## Establishment of Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence

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Victorian Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews has announced that, if elected, a Victorian Labor Government will establish a Royal Commission into Family Violence.

In a speech to the Party's State Conference on 17 May, Mr Andrews argued that the system in place was broken as it did not "protect the vulnerable" or "punish the guilty".

For the full video of Daniel Andrews' announcement, click [here](#).

Citing family violence as the leading contributor of death and disability in Australian women under 45, as well as costing the economy \$3.4 billion a year, Mr Andrews asserted that only a Royal Commission could "find a cause and a prevention" to the problem.

### Scope

The Royal Commission will be charged with investigating:

- Criminal law;
- Corrections;
- Courts;
- Community services;
- Alcohol and drug services;
- Health services;
- Refuges and housing;
- School curriculum; and
- Tools available to Victoria Police.

### Panel Composition

The Panel will be headed by an eminent Australian judge with experience in family law, with a panel of survivors and support providers to advise the Commission.

### Timeline

The Commission would commence its work in early 2015, and report its findings by the conclusion of that year.



## **Outcomes**

Mr Andrews has committed a Victorian Labor Government to implementing the Commission's findings in full.

Hawker Britton's Occasional Paper on the Victorian State Budget Reply is available [here](#).

Hawker Britton's Occasional Paper on Victorian Labor's Plan for Jobs and Growth is available [here](#).