

Policy Document



Across Australia domestic violence continues to increase with an increasing number of people living in fear for their life. Sadly, the judicial system often allows the perpetrators to remain on the street, and it takes until a person is killed before action is taken. A new approach is needed to protect any person who is suffering from Domestic Violence, no matter their gender, age, race or religion.

Domestic Violence

Domestic and Family Violence is one of Australia's biggest social crises, destroying lives and leaving many without a safe place to turn. Over the years we have seen promises made by both sides of politics, yet the simple fact of the matter is that incidents are still increasing. Many survivors feel unheard, unprotected, and unsupported by the system meant to help them.

It's not just a statistic, every victim is a person and it affects not just them but often family and other loved ones. It's time for a fresh approach, one that prioritises **prevention, protection, and long-term support**.

My plan focuses on **practical, community-driven solutions** that will make a difference where it matters most.

The Plan

Prevention - Stopping Violence Before It Starts

We need to tackle the root causes of DFV by teaching respect, boundaries, and healthy relationships from an early age.

That means:

- Bringing **evidence-based education programs** into all schools, starting in early childhood and continuing through adolescence.
- Ensuring **schools provide access to support services**, including counselors, psychologists, youth workers, and chaplains.
- Training **teachers to recognise warning signs** of abuse and connect students with the right support.

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- Strengthening **anti-bullying and anti-harassment policies** to protect both students and staff.
- Creating **clear pathways for schools to refer families** to trauma-informed support services before problems escalate.

Community Education - Changing Attitudes & Building Awareness

To shift the culture around Domestic & Family Violence, we need to ensure **every Australian understands the warning signs and knows how to take action**.

My Proposal Includes:

- A **nationwide public awareness campaign**
- Ensuring **Domestic Violence education is accessible to diverse communities**, including culturally and linguistically appropriate resources.
- Providing **trauma-informed training for frontline workers**—including Centrelink staff, job agencies, and child support services—to improve their responses to survivors.

Legal Reform

When someone reaches out for help, they should be met with immediate protection, not roadblocks.

I commit to:

- The development of a **national Domestic & Family Violence response framework** to ensure every state follows best practices, based on evidence and not on politics.
- Train **police, medical workers, and legal professionals** to better support survivors and handle cases effectively.
- Establish **specialised reporting centers** for DFV and sexual assault victims, staffed by trauma-informed professionals.
- Implement **mandatory arrests for perpetrators when there is clear evidence of violence**, ensuring survivors are not left unprotected. This will include a no-bail approach when a life is at risk.
- Increase the number of **safe houses and crisis accommodation**, especially in rural and regional areas.
- Expand **Legal Aid and Community Legal Centers** so survivors can access free legal help.
- Reform **Violence Restraining Orders (VROs)** to make them easier to obtain and strictly enforce breaches.
- Introduce **tougher sentences for repeat offenders**, ensuring serious consequences for crimes.

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Long-Term Support

Escaping violence is just the first step—long-term support is essential for survivors to truly heal and regain independence.

The plan includes:

- Establishment of **Recovery Centers**, providing a one-stop hub for legal, financial, and mental health support.
 - Increase **counseling access for children and survivors**, ensuring cost isn't a barrier to getting help.
 - Provide **support programs** to help survivors build a safe and stable future.
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This Is About More Than Policy—It's About People

The time for talk is over. It's time for real change. **Australia deserves better.**

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