



Tasmania's Family Violence Action Plan 2015–2020



WHAT WILL CHANGE?

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is taking strong action to reduce family violence. We spend \$16 million in direct and \$24 million in indirect funding to address family violence each year.

To improve our response to family violence, we will allocate an additional \$25.57 million to new and direct actions over the next four years.

HOW THE \$25.57M WILL BE ALLOCATED

\$8 million to establish Safe Families Tasmania.

\$685 000 to change attitudes and behaviours that lead to family violence.

\$12 million to support families and children.

\$4.75 million to strengthen legal responses.

“I am committed to leading a whole of government response to help drive change.”

THE HON WILL HODGMAN MP, PREMIER

WHY?

Eliminating family violence is a top priority for the Tasmanian Government. Violence against anyone, in any form is unacceptable. While everyone has the right to live their life free from violence, levels of family violence are disturbingly high. We must start now to make a difference.



One in three Australian women have experienced physical violence

17%

Almost 17 per cent of women in Australia have experienced violence by a partner



Almost one in five women have experienced sexual violence



On average, one woman is killed every week at the hands of their partner

FEATURES OF THE ACTION PLAN INCLUDE:

- Establishing Safe Families Tasmania to coordinate support services for victims and hold perpetrators to account.
- Taking a lead role in the \$30 million national campaign to reduce violence against women and their children.
- Delivering a Respectful Relationships program in all government schools, starting in Kindergarten.
- Supporting children affected by family violence in government and non-government schools and Child and Family Centres.
- Extending counselling services for children, young people and adults experiencing family violence.
- Providing crisis accommodation and secure and supported housing options.
- Extending legal assistance to people experiencing family violence.
- Providing perpetrator programs for low to medium risk offenders to address the underlying causes of their violence.
- Holding perpetrators of family violence to account through enhanced investigative and evidence-gathering practices.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING FAMILY VIOLENCE

- Greater awareness of, and better access to, support services.
- Better support for victims dealing with family violence through co-locating government services.
- Changing the attitudes and behaviours that lead to family violence across all communities.
- Targeted support for those at higher risk of being affected by family violence.
- Making perpetrators of family violence accountable for their crimes and changing their behaviour.

“I want to tell people that family violence happens to anybody, no matter how nice your house is, no matter how intelligent you are.”

ROSIE BATTY, 2015 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

If you or someone you know is impacted by family violence:

Call the Safe at Home Family Violence Response and Referral Line on 1800 633 937 or visit www.1800respect.org.au

In an emergency, always call 000

Department of Premier and Cabinet

Email: fvap@dpac.tas.gov.au | Visit: www.dpac.tas.gov.au

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