



Australian Government

COAG Advisory Panel on Reducing Violence against Women and their Children

What is the COAG Advisory Panel on Reducing Violence against Women and their Children?

The Prime Minister announced on 28 January 2015 the establishment of an Advisory Panel on Reducing Violence against Women and their Children. The Advisory Panel will provide expert advice to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) to address the problem of violence against women at a national level.

The Advisory Panel is chaired by Mr Ken Lay APM, former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, with two Deputy Chairs, Ms Rosie Batty, 2015 Australian of the Year, and Ms Heather Nancarrow, CEO of the Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety. The other members of the Advisory Panel are Ms Julie Oberin, Ms Tracy Howe, Mr Ed Mosby, Ms Vickie Hovane, Ms Maria Hagias, Commissioner Darren Hine APM, Ms Sue Salthouse and the Hon Bess Price MLA.

The members of the Advisory Panel have expertise in domestic and family violence, sexual assault, online safety and the experiences of violence by vulnerable groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, and people with disabilities.

What is the focus of the Advisory Panel?

The Advisory Panel will focus on innovative, practical and deliverable proposals to make a real and lasting difference, taking account of, complementing and building on the existing efforts of all jurisdictions and the framework of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-22*.

The Advisory Panel will be assessing current approaches, and considering themes for further national leadership for COAG.

How will the Advisory Panel work?

The Advisory Panel will build on community concern in this area and will be talking to governments, business, experts,

Key timeframes

The Advisory Panel will provide three reports to COAG during its 18 month lifetime, including:

- a high level assessment of current approaches by all governments and areas for greater leadership
- advice on the implementation of the three COAG priority areas: the National Domestic Violence Order (DVO) Model Law Framework and National DVO prototype information system, the national outcome standards for perpetrator interventions to hold perpetrators to account, and strategies to keep women safe from technology facilitated abuse
- advice on the future direction of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*.

and the service sector to help inform their future advice to COAG.

The Advisory Panel will be supported by a secretariat in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.