



DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE  
**Implementation Council**

## MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

**13 November 2019**  
**Brisbane**

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On **13 November 2019**, the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council (the Council) held its final meeting. Members of the Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group also attended the meeting.

The Honourable Di Farmer MP, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence acknowledged the work of the Council in overseeing the implementation of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report recommendations and Queensland's *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–2026*.

Minister Farmer and representatives from the **Department of the Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women, and the Department of Justice and Attorney-General** briefed the Council on:

- the closure of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report recommendations
- the implementation of the Third Action Plan under the 10 year *Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016–2026* (the Third Action Plan)
- Government's response to the liquidation of White Ribbon
- the Queensland *Not Now, Not Ever. Together. Breakfast* on 22 November 2019
- the Government's plans for the new **Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council**
- the creation in 2020 of a new **Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Community Champions Group**
- the tabling in Parliament on 30 October 2019 of the *Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board 2018–19 Annual Report*.

The Council discussed the outcomes of the 30 October 2019 meeting of its **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group**, including a presentation by the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women on the **development of new practice standards for services providing support to domestic and family violence victims, perpetrators and survivors**. The Council also discussed issues arising from a report prepared by the Advisory Group to guide further oversight of approaches to prevent and appropriately respond to domestic and family violence as experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people. The Advisory Group's recommendations will be summarised in the Council's final progress report.

The Council agreed that while progress across the *Not Now, Not Ever* reform program has been strong, particularly with respect to mainstream responses, **progress across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities has been more variable**. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people **remain disproportionately affected** by all types of violence, but particularly **domestic and family violence**. The Council further agreed that a future Council should have a significant **oversight role for the implementation of Queensland's Framework for Action – Reshaping our Approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Domestic and Family Violence 2019-21**.

The Council also considered its final **progress report** for the period from 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019, and looking back over the four years of the Council. The report will be finalised and delivered to the Premier for tabling in Parliament.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, **all Council members were given an opportunity to reflect on the Council's work and achievements** over the past four years, and on **priorities** for the domestic and family violence reform program as it continues under the Third Action Plan.

The **term of the Council ends on 30 November 2019**. Following the Queensland Government's announcement on 24 October 2019 that all 140 *Not Now, Not Ever* report recommendations have been implemented, the domestic and family violence reform program is now moving to a new phase.

On 22 November 2019, **the Queensland Government announced the establishment of a new Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council** led by two co-Chairs – outgoing Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council Chair, Ms Kay McGrath OAM and former Queensland Police Commissioner, Mr Bob Atkinson AO APM. The new Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council will oversee the implementation of the Third Action Plan, which was released on 19 September 2019.

The Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council **thanks the government and service sector workers, and other advocates**, who have worked so hard and with such passion to support and help heal all those affected by domestic and family violence, and to stop the violence. The Council **acknowledges the vision and leadership of the Premier and of the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence**. Finally, the Council **thanks all the victims and survivors** who have bravely shared their personal experiences, which have inspired and energised the Council in its work over the past four years.