



DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE
Implementation Council

MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

20 February 2019
Brisbane

On **20 February 2019**, the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council held its first meeting of the year.

The Council was joined by the **Honourable Di Farmer MP, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence** who attended the first part of the meeting.

At the outset, the Council noted the resignation of Council member, Ms Janette Phelan, due to interstate relocation, and **acknowledged her contribution and commitment to the work of the Council** since her appointment in December 2015.

The Council received a briefing on the **structured review of the Second Action Plan of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy** being undertaken in accordance with the evaluation framework for the reform program. An update was provided on the methodology, timelines, progress to date, early insights, and opportunities for members of the Council and its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group to provide input to the review.

The Council noted that the review will provide insights into how implementation has **progressed towards the vision outlined in the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy between 2016 and 2019**, and issues that will need to be considered in the formulation of the Third Action Plan of the strategy.

Representatives from the Council's **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group** and the **Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships** joined the meeting to discuss the Queensland Government's response to **recommendation 20 of the Domestic and Family Violence Death Review Board's 2016-17 annual report**, which called for the development of an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family violence strategy**. Government representatives provided an update on work that had been undertaken to address the recommendation, and Advisory Group members shared the **feedback and insights** that they had provided through their participation in the consultation process.

Following this, the Council was joined by representatives from the **Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors** for a briefing on and discussion of work that Queensland Government agencies have undertaken to develop a response for **people with disability impacted by domestic and family violence**. The presentation by agency representatives included an overview of the findings of a **review to address the impacts of domestic and family violence on people with disability** conducted by People With Disability Australia and an outline of actions that Queensland Government agencies have developed to address the key issues identified in this review, and through broader research and consultation.

The Council also discussed progress in relation to the **implementation of recommendation 123** of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report which concerns **GPS monitoring of domestic and family violence perpetrators**. Noting the Queensland Government's commitment to exploring options to monitor perpetrators, and trial the most promising model to improve victim safety, representatives from Queensland Government agencies updated the Council on activities that have occurred in relation to the recommendation. These activities include **commissioning research** into the feasibility of using electronic monitoring in the domestic and family violence context, exploring use of a range of **technological solutions to improve victim safety**, and taking steps to **understand the technical capacity** of existing monitoring technology. The Council discussed the **implications from the findings** of this work, and the **next steps to progress implementation**. It was noted that relevant agencies would continue to keep the Council informed on progress in relation to the implementation of this recommendation.

In the final part of the meeting, the Council discussed its **work program and priorities for 2019** including continuing to conduct regional visits, engage with key stakeholders and examine key implementation issues. The Council also considered its **progress report** for the period from 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018, to be finalised and delivered to the Premier and the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.