



DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE
Implementation Council

MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ

23 May 2019

Brisbane

On **23 May 2019**, the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council held its second 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. Minister Farmer updated the Council on Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month activities, including engaging with the corporate sector on developing responses to domestic and family violence.

At the outset, the Council welcomed newly appointed Council member, Ms Samantha Wild, noting her experience in working on domestic and family violence and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy at a grassroots level.

The Council received a briefing on the progress and findings of the **structured review of the Second Action Plan of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy** being undertaken by Deloitte Access Economics. The briefing updated the Council on activities and findings since the last Council meeting in February, and the early lessons from the review.

The Director-General of the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (DCSYW), Mr Michael Hogan, joined the Council to provide an update on the agency's implementation activities. The update noted milestones including:

- the completion of a **Framework for Action to reshape Queensland's approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander domestic and family violence**
- the completion of **Queensland's plan to respond to domestic and family violence against people with disability**
- the finalisation of a project to **establish a service to support the workforce capacity and capability of the domestic, family and sexual violence sector**, and
- the finalisation of a **funding and investment model**, and
- the launch of a new **domestic and family violence web portal**.

The presentation also noted progress on the initiatives such as the development of **practice standards** and a quality assurance framework for **perpetrator interventions** and **corporate engagement activities**.

The Council noted a range of activities undertaken since its February meeting including the **Survivor 'Open Conversation'** on 3 May 2019, which brought together survivors of domestic and family violence to share their experiences with Government representatives and Council members. The Council also noted the wide variety of advocacy and community activities pursued by individual members throughout Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

The Council considered a six-monthly update from the Queensland Government on the implementation of the recommendations of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report, noting that as at 28 February 2019, **98 of the 121 recommendations** directed at the Queensland Government had been completed. Representatives from relevant Queensland Government agencies also briefed the Council on progress in relation to the development of the **Third Action Plan of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy** and the **implementation of recommendation 123** of the *Not Now, Not Ever* report which concerns **GPS monitoring of domestic and family violence perpetrators**.

The Council received an update on the activities of its **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group**, including a briefing on the **Advisory Group's meeting with Queensland Police Service (QPS) representatives in April 2019** to discuss QPS approaches to policing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people impacted by domestic and family violence.

A six monthly report on the work of the **Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board** was explored by the Council, with members briefed on the findings of two case review meetings that had considered **deaths of people who experience social and/or geographical isolation, and deaths of older people, people with a disability, and people who identify as LGBTIQ+**.

Noting the impending retirement of Council member, **Judge Ray Rinaudo** from the position of Chief Magistrate on 7 July, the Council acknowledged Judge Rinaudo's exemplary contribution to both the Council and the broader reform program through his leadership during his tenure as Chief Magistrate.