

# NATIONAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION LEGAL SERVICES FORUM FEDERAL ELECTION 2019

The National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum was formally established in May 2012. Our member organisations across Australia provide unique, culturally safe and respectful specialist family violence supports to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing family violence, particularly women and children.

This Federal Election, we call on all political parties to commit to:

- Development of a Family Violence Target under the Council of Australian Governments' Closing the Gap Refresh Partnership
- Increased and long-term funding for all Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLSs) and for the National FVPLS Forum as a peak body
- Reinstatement of a stand-alone funding stream for FVPLSs and continued funding of our front-line legal and non-legal services, as well as expanded funding for Early Intervention & Prevention and policy law reform and advocacy
- Expansion of our service funding to increase our geographic coverage to include urban areas and additional rural and remote locations
- Development of a separate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategy as an extension of the *Fourth Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children*.

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