



# Second Action Plan consultations

National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032

## Short Survey

This is a Word document version of the online survey form. It is designed to support you in preparing your answers to questions. Please add your responses to the survey at [engage.dss.gov.au/second-action-plan/survey/](https://engage.dss.gov.au/second-action-plan/survey/)

**Content warning:** This survey engages with subject matters related to violence, harm and abuse. If you find any of the content in this survey distressing, you may exit the survey at anytime.

Please note that if you exit the survey before you click submit, your responses will not be saved or submitted.

If you find the content to be distressing, there are services available to support you. You can [find support services on the National Mental Health Commission website](#) such as Lifeline and Beyond Blue.

In your responses, where possible, please avoid providing identifying information about you or someone else, such as names or a combination of attributes which could identify an individual.

## Introduction

**This short survey is about developing the Second Action Plan under Australia's *National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–2032 (the National Plan)*.**

It is part of the Australian Government consultations to inform the Second Action Plan.

The Second Action Plan (the Plan) is our roadmap for the next 5 years.

The Plan will address what needs to change and put practical actions in place so everyone can live safely. It will build on what we know works well and help to address gaps.

The Plan will also respond to emerging evidence and the lived experience of our community members.

**Your feedback will help shape how Australia addresses family, domestic and sexual violence over the next 5 years of this Second Action Plan (2027–2032).**

## Doing this survey

You can exit the survey at any time.

You don't have to answer any questions you don't want to.

Most of the questions in this survey ask you to type in a response in your own words.

There are some questions at the end of the survey about you. These questions help us to know what perspective you come from when you share your ideas. You do not have to answer those questions if you don't want to.

## Terminology

When we use the term violence, we mean family, domestic and sexual violence. In this survey this is sometimes referred to as FDVS.

- **Family and domestic violence** includes violence that occurs within family and intimate relationships. This can include violence between current or former partners, as well as violence between family members, including towards children, and in family-like settings. It can involve physical, sexual, emotional or psychological harm.
- **Sexual violence** refers to sexual activity that occurs without consent – where consent is not freely given, is withdrawn, or where the person is unable to consent due to their age or other factors.

## Help to do the survey

If you require information in a different format, including paper copies of the survey or telephone assistance, please email [Secondactionplan@dss.gov.au](mailto:Secondactionplan@dss.gov.au)

If you require translation services you can contact [Non-English speakers | Translating and Interpreting Service \(TIS National\)](#).

If participating in this consultation raises any concerns or you feel distressed we encourage you to contact support listed on the [Help and Support page](#).

## Uploading a submission

If you are representing an organisation or prefer to provide a submission, you can do this on the [make a submission page](#).

Please note that we are not looking for identifying information about anyone, so please ensure that you do not include any identifying information of any individuals, including in any case studies or stories provided.

# Privacy Collection Notice

This Privacy Collection Notice (**Notice**) explains how the Australian Government Department of Social Services (**Department, we, us**) will collect, use and disclose information shared in connection with ***Consultation with respect to the Commonwealth Government's 'National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022–2032' (Consultation)***.

## Engaging with us

This Notice applies to each of the ways you may engage with the Department during the Consultation – including when you:

- submit a survey response via DSS Engage ([engage.dss.gov.au](https://engage.dss.gov.au));
- submit a written response via ([engage.dss.gov.au](https://engage.dss.gov.au)); or
- participate in an event related to the Consultation, such as a roundtable, panel or webinar.

## What we're after

The purpose of this Consultation is to gather views, ideas and feedback on policy matters relating to family, domestic and sexual violence. We would be grateful for your candid views on these policy matters, as relevant to the format in which you are engaging with us.

We may collect limited personal information from you:

- in order to enable you to participate in the Consultation (such as to manage your attendance at a Consultation event), or manage your queries regarding the Consultation.

You may not be able to participate in the Consultation if we don't receive this information.

## What we're not after

Except as set out above, we **are not** seeking any other identifying information about you, or anyone else, in your response to the Consultation. We particularly do not want to collect information that might allow a person with a lived experience to be identified.

For example, your submission should not:

- include identifying information about you; or
- provide identifying information about any other person.

If you feel you need to share a story, we ask that you do so on an **anonymous or non-identifying basis**.

## How we will use and disclose your information

Information provided during the Consultation will be used by the Department to inform the development of Action Plans under the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032*, and to support related policy development and implementation activities, including the:

- Second action plan required to be delivered under the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032*;
- the Second Action Plan for *Safe and Supported: The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2021–2031*;

- Second Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan for *Safe and Supported: The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2021–2031*;
- First Action Plan supporting implementation of *Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence 2026–2036*; and
- the Attorney-General's Department's *National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021–2030*.

The Department intends to remove or redact any identifying information provided in submissions before they are shared with our research teams such that individuals are no longer reasonably identifiable. We will use our best endeavours to review all submissions and remove any personal or identifying details prior to this process occurring.

Where you consent, we may also use AI tools to process information you submit to us, in order to support the above activities.

We may disclose information contained in Consultation responses:

- to third party contractors who support us in conducting the Consultation, including the providers of third-party tools we use to process your responses to the Consultation;
- other Federal, State or Territory government agencies (e.g. the Attorney-General's Department) to progress work on related policy areas; and
- to the public, if you consent to us doing so.

There may also be situations where we have to disclose your personal information. For instance, we may be required by an Australian law or a Court or a Tribunal order to share your personal information.

## Overseas disclosures

We do not disclose personal information to recipients located outside Australia.

## Further information

We store your personal information (and delete your information when it is no longer needed) in accordance with the [Archives Act 1983](#). In relation to any personal information contained in records stored under the *Archives Act 1983*, we will ensure that this can only be accessed by relevant staff on a need-to-know basis as permitted by law.

The Department's [privacy policy](#) contains further information about how you can access and correct personal information the Department holds about you, as well as information about how you may submit a complaint about a breach of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth), Australian Privacy Principles, or a registered APP code (as applicable).

If you have any questions about this Consultation or how your information will be handled, please contact [Secondactionplan@dss.gov.au](mailto:Secondactionplan@dss.gov.au).

**I have read and agree to the Privacy Collection Notice and the Department of Social Services Privacy Notice (required)**

Read the [Privacy Collection Notice](#), and the Department of Social Services [Privacy Policy](#).

- I have read and agree to the Department of Social Services Privacy Policy
- I consent to the Department of Social Services handling any personal information provided by me in accordance with its Privacy Collection Notice

**I confirm that I am over 18 years old and that I consent to do this survey. (required)**

- Yes
- No

**Do you agree to us using quotes from your response in public reports? (required)**

All survey responses are anonymous. Please note that no quotes or information that could identify you will be used in reports.

Please choose one.

- I agree for quotes from my responses to be used in public reports
- I do not agree for quotes from my responses to be used in any public reports

**Where you consent, we may use AI tools to process information you submit to us (required)**

All AI tools are used in line with our [Privacy Collection Notice](#).

- I consent to the use of AI tools to process information I submit
- I do not consent to the use of AI tools to process information I submit

# Questions to help us develop the Second Action Plan

If you don't want to answer any of the questions, you can leave them blank or select 'prefer not to answer'.

In this section we have 6 questions for you. These are about what can be done to stop family, domestic and sexual violence. In your responses, where possible, please avoid providing identifying information about you or someone else.

You can skip any of the questions you are not sure about or don't want to provide an answer to.

## **Prevention**

**Q. What actions can governments, workplaces, industries, schools, families and individuals take to stop violence before it starts?**

(Note: Please do not provide identifying information about you or someone else)

## **Services and support**

**Q. How can services and supports work better for people who have experienced, or are at risk of experiencing, family, domestic or sexual violence?**

We want to know about specialist FDSV services as well as general services like health, education and housing.

(Note: Please do not provide identifying information about you or someone else)

## **Supporting children and young people**

**Q. How can communities and services best support children and young people to stay safe from violence?**

(Note: Please do not provide identifying information about you or someone else)

## **People who use violence**

**Q. What more can be done across the community to promote healthy, safe relationships and strengthen accountability for people who use violence?**

(Note: Please do not provide identifying information about you or someone else)

## **Recovery and healing**

**Q. What would make the biggest difference in helping people and families to recover and heal after being affected by family, domestic and sexual violence?**

(Note: Please do not provide identifying information about you or someone else)

## **Access to support**

**Q. What makes it easier for people to access support or services related to family, domestic or sexual violence?**

(Note: Please do not provide identifying information about you or someone else)

## About you

The next few questions are about you. We are asking for this information to help us understand more about your answers in the survey.

### Q. What is your connection to this issue? (select all that apply)

- I have personal experience of family, domestic or sexual violence
- I have supported someone close to me who has experienced it
- I have sought, or thought about seeking, support to change my own behaviour in relationships
- I work in a specialist family, domestic or sexual violence service
- I work in another service or role that works alongside the sector and people affected by violence (for example, health, education, justice, child protection, community services)
- I work in research/academia, policy, or advocacy on these issues
- I'm responding as a member of the general community
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say

### Q. Which state or territory do you live in?

- ACT
- NSW
- NT
- QLD
- SA
- TAS
- VIC
- WA
- External Australian Territory (e.g. Torres Strait, Norfolk Island)
- I do not currently live in Australia
- Prefer not to say.

**Q. What type of area do you live in?**

- Metropolitan area / city
- Regional area / town
- Outer regional / rural area
- Remote area
- Prefer not to say.

**Q. Do you identify as any of the following?**

Please select all that apply.

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Speak a language other than English at home
- LGBTIQ+SB
- Person with disability
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say

**Q. What best describes your gender?**

- Man
- Woman
- Another term (Please specify)
- Prefer not to say