

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy 2025-2035

Engagement summary

2021

Consultation commenced

- Consultation processes were informed by the outcomes of a consultation forum led by the Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing and held with 32 organisations that work to address sexual violence in Western Australia.

2022

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy Reference Group established

- Established in 2022, the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy (the Strategy) Reference Group comprised representatives from government and non-government organisations with expertise in preventing and responding to sexual violence across diverse cohorts, alongside individuals with lived experience of sexual violence.
- The group played a key role throughout the Strategy's development providing input and advice throughout through an iterative and collaborative process.
- Nicole Lambert, Chief Executive Officer at Allambee Counselling and Chairperson of the National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence, was appointed Independent Chair of the group.

2023

State-wide public consultation

- State-wide public consultation on the draft consultation Strategy – via online survey – during August to September 2023.

Targeted engagement on the draft consultation strategy

- Targeted engagement on the draft consultation Strategy from August to November 2023.
- 11 workshops with representatives from specialist and non-government services, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Aboriginal stakeholders, Government, workplaces and industry, schools and universities
- 8 regional workshops with people whose work intersects with sexual violence

2024

Strategy development and refinement

- Key agencies and the Strategy Reference Group engaged to refine the draft Strategy and inform implementation planning.

2025

Strategy and First Action Plan finalised and endorsed

Reach

Over 500 invitations extended to organisations across government, non-government, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, specialist sexual violence services, education, health, industry, and community sectors to have their say on the public consultation draft Strategy.

162 participants from more than 66 organisations attended metropolitan and regional consultation workshops

14 written submissions were received representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, non-Government organisations, Government and Industry

23 online survey responses to the consultation draft strategy

Regional workshops held across **Goldfields, Pilbara, Midwest-Gascoyne, Wheatbelt, Kimberley, Great Southern, and Southwest** regions.