



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**



# Office of the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

## Consultation Summary Report

# Key Stakeholders



Internal

External

Department  
of  
Communities

- Communities Leadership Team
- Strategy and Partnerships
- Community Services
- Governance, Integrity and Reform
- Strategy & Transformation
- Finance
- People

Department of Communities

Communities  
Ministers

- Ministerial portfolios:
- Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence
- Child Protection
- Women's Interests
- Community Services
- Housing
- Youth,
- Seniors
- Disability

Public Sector  
Agencies

- Dept. Premier and Cabinet
- Dept. Justice
- Dept. Education
- Dept. Health
- Dept. Mining, Industry, Regulation and Safety
- WA Police
- Mental Health Commission
- CCYP
- Ombudsman

Our sector

- Peak bodies for family and domestic violence services
- Community sector services, including those funded by Communities and those funded by others
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations
- Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Children in Care - SNAICC
- Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety
- Our Watch
- White Ribbon Australia
- University sector

12/11/2021

# Engagement Summary



- 28 formal written submissions received across June – July 2021
- 20 responses from the sector or individuals, 8 from WA Government agencies
- 22 submissions provided direct responses to the consultation questions and 6 provided general comments
- Face to face engagement with existing forums (e.g. Path to Safety Steering Committee, WHSP Sexual Assault Support Services Meeting)

# Summary of Key Themes



Apply a cultural lens across all work (Aboriginal and CaLD)

Demonstrate  
strong  
leadership



Engage and  
collaborate



Build the  
evidence  
base



Develop a  
blueprint for  
reform



Advocate



Raise  
awareness /  
educate



Align FDV, sexual violence and gender equality, noting some elements do not fit neatly and a range of vulnerable cohorts need to be considered

# Detailed Feedback



## Demonstrate strong leadership



- Commitment to drive systemic change and the authority to do so
- Set the strategic direction and achieve across-government buy-in
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and innovation
- Develop principles
- Set standards for practice
- Aboriginal Family Safety to be co-designed with and led by Aboriginal people

## Engage and collaborate



- Across government
- With all relevant sectors, including medical
- With people with lived experience across all vulnerable cohorts
- With people in regional and remote locations

## Build the evidence base



- On the key drivers; what works; best practice
- Through partnerships with academia/research institutions/expert practitioners
- Through networking with other jurisdictions
- Through effective cross-agency data collection
- Through two way information sharing with the sector
- Be the single source of truth

# Detailed Feedback (cont.)



## Develop a blueprint for reform



- Reflecting joined-up government, evidence-based, whole of system reform that delivers client centred, integrated service delivery
- Focus on primary prevention
- Focus on outcomes and measure progress
- Use clear language and definitions
- Define roles and responsibilities
- Include a workforce development plan and a monitoring and evaluation framework

## Advocate



- For systemic reform
- For legislative reform
- For gender equality
- For survivor safety, recovery and perpetrator accountability
- For appropriate funding to deliver on reforms

## Raise awareness and educate



- 'FDV aware', 'trauma informed', 'culturally safe'
- Across government
- Across the community