



Time to Speak Up on Domestic and Family Violence in NSW

No to Violence, whose members work with men who use domestic and family violence every day, will lead a regional listening tour in 'hot spots' across New South Wales.

The workshops will hear from frontline service providers, experts and community leaders from the family violence sector. Local MPs have also been invited to attend and hear first-hand about the challenges, service gaps and collaborative innovations being trialled.

NSW has the highest prevalence of domestic and family violence in Australia with 22,910 incidents recorded between 2015 and 2016 followed by Victoria with 15,322 for the same period.

These numbers demonstrate that family violence is a constant, unrelenting problem in our community that requires a marked increase in the investment of new funds for specialist men's family violence prevention, intervention and response in NSW.

"For 25 years, No to Violence has been working at the frontline with men who use violence and power to control others, so they take responsibility for the harm they cause and understand they can choose to behave differently" CEO Jacqui Watt says.

"While there is some exceptional work being done in the preventative space, there is still much work to be done **here and now**, to keep Australian women and children safe from family violence.

"The No to Violence Listening Tour is about hearing directly from those local experts who work every day, often face-to-face, with men who use family violence.

"With the New South Wales election just over three months away, we will then take those key findings back to Macquarie Street to ensure there is rigour to policy commitments, backed up by solid funding to support men's family violence prevention and interventions.

Workshop dates and locations:

- Monday, 21 January, 10:30am – 12:00pm - Albury
- Tuesday, 22 January, 10:00am – 11:30am - Wagga Wagga
- Wednesday, 23 January, 10:00am – 11:30am - Orange
- Thursday, 24 January, 10:00am – 11:30am - Dubbo
- February – Sydney CBD and Western Sydney (details TBC)



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Further interview and photo opportunities also possible on request.