

1. The draft National Plan includes a clear explanation of the prevalence, drivers, and different forms of gender-based violence in Australia.

Strongly Agree / Disagree / Neutral / Agree / Strongly Agree

If you disagree with this statement, please explain why.

We welcome the statements of 'towards zero' and the understanding that achieving this requires long term bi-partisan, holistic, multilayered national approach, addressing both individual behaviours as well as structural and societal drivers.

EVAWQ support the statement to engage men and boys as engaging men and boys is integral to ending violence against women and children. The document outlines the four drivers of violence against women and children outlined in *Change the Story*, however, falls short when addressing toxic masculinity and patriarchy. We would like to see stronger language on the role of perpetrator accountability throughout.

2. The draft National Plan meaningfully reflects issues highlighted through stakeholder consultations and the National Summit on Women's Safety, including the experiences of victim-survivors.

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The plan outlines value propositions but does not clearly articulate what success looks like and how it will be achieved. EVAWQ urge Government to include a stronger focus on action with clear, measurable targets that are rigorously applied through a theory of change model.

We welcome the acknowledgement that demand for services increases with increased awareness.

How will Australia achieve the 'towards zero' vision and what resources will be allocated to ensure its success? The plan does not clearly articulate the 'Action' that will be taken or outline a road map for how we will achieve this.

3. The four Foundation Principles (gender equality, the diverse lived-experiences of victim-survivors are informing policies and solutions, Closing the Gap, and intersectionality) appropriately underpin the National Pillars and actions within the National Plan.

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EVAWQ wish to see a stronger overlay of human rights throughout. We are unimpressed with the choice of quote from Hon Scott Morrison on pg 24. And would like to see a more credible source quoted..

The plan needs to;

- Apply a rigorous analysis of learnings from the previous plan and Auditor General report 2019, Coordinating and targeting of Domestic Violence funding and Actions.
- Review the ecosystem, national infrastructure needs and strengths
- Embed codesign throughout
- Listen to the calls for a separate strategy for First Nations peoples
- Strengthen planning for children as victims in their own rights

4. The four National Pillars in the draft National Plan provide a holistic approach to identifying and responding to gender-based violence.

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The Pillars, strengthened with a human rights overlay could provide a holistic approach. The Pillars must;

- Proactively require accountability of leaders of all levels of business and government to prevent violence.
- Create a stronger alignment of how they will be Actioned with other National strategies and plans.
- Integrate recommendations from Auditor General report 2019, Coordinating and targeting of Domestic Violence funding and Actions. eg. Annual report cards, implementation planning,
- EVAWQ calls for a Victims Commissioner.
- Include addressing children as victims in their own right
- Ensure actions are developed with a theory of change model, with transparent, achievable outcomes and appropriate investment.

5. The four National Pillars in the draft National Plan reflect the family, domestic and sexual violence service system.

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The Plan is an opportunity for signalling a significant review of family law and court systems with an understanding of the use of systems as coercive control abuse tactics that affects victims. EVAWQ welcomes consistent national definitions to support a consistent understanding and justice response.

The plan needs to invest in the role of education and school curriculum more strongly. Curriculum must address the drivers of gender-based violence, consent and healthy relationships for all Australian children.

The draft plan is silent on reproductive coercion issues throughout and needs to better address the primary and secondary health system roles.

6. The draft National Plan reflects the needs and experiences of women and children.

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The plan can be strengthened through;

- Applying victim centric and child centred actions within the focus areas of the Pillars
- Embed perpetrator accountability throughout the document and especially the focus areas of the pillars

- Increased focus on victims/survivor voices and co design of solutions
- Establishment of an independent Victims Commissioner to monitor treatment of victims by criminal justice agencies, to provide community and sector education to raise awareness of victims rights, enhance sector collaboration to improve service response to victims and provide advice to Minister's in mater relating to victims.
- Establishment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander National Plan

7. The draft National Plan reflects the needs and experiences of diverse communities and individuals.

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EVAWQ welcome the stronger focus on intersectionality. The plan could be strengthened through;

- Increased focus on victims/survivor voices and co design of solutions
- Establishment of the Independent Victims Commissioner
- Establishment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander National Plan
- Addressing domestic violence as a key driver for homelessness and ensuring resources are allocated to ensure access.
- Further commitments to supporting victims who are on VISAs.
- Increased emphasis on the types of violence diverse groups face such as carer's violence frequently experienced by women living with a disability
- Increased focus on LGBTIQ+ relationships

8. The draft National Plan supports building further evidence on what works for gender based violence prevention, early intervention, response and recovery.

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There is a risk that the plan will over invest in research at the expense of Action. Whilst EVAWQ welcome evidence-based solutions, we are concerned that research investment may duplicate existing areas of knowledge both nationally and internationally and invest limited resources at the expense of more productive solutions. eg. Pg. 33 'building on the research base on what drives men to perpetrate violence' is not necessary when we understand the drivers of domestic violence.

Where Research is commissioned, it should be aligned with recommendations within the Auditor General report 2019, Coordinating and targeting of Domestic Violence funding and Actions.

9. The draft indicators and outcome measures provide a strong framework for measuring progress towards the next National Plan goals.

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To be successful the plan requires a blueprint for how Australia will achieve towards zero, the change logic for the 'focus areas' and how success will be measured and transparently communicated;

- Applying the evidence base for understanding what has and has not been successful from the previous plan
- A stronger focus on measuring a reduction in men using violence
- Measures of funding, implementation and outcomes of primary prevention initiatives
- A theory of change logic applied to each 'focus area' and a clear framework for the change needed prior to committing to specific sub action plans

**10. What would you not change about the draft National Plan?
(select up to two)**

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- Understanding of gender-based violence
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11. Is there any other feedback or additional information you wish to provide?

The National plan is an important reference point for national responses to domestic, family and sexual violence. The Fifth national plan must go further to address the health endemic of domestic and sexual violence in Australia. Public expectation is to see meaningful action that achieves change.

How will Australia achieve the 'towards zero' vision and stop men's violence against women and children? What resources will be allocated to ensure its success? The plan needs to clearly articulate the *Action* that will be taken or outline a road map for how we will achieve this.

12. Attachment

Letter from EVAWQ