

The Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board report dated: 2021-22
Recommendations 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been implemented with the responses being published in earlier implementation updates.

Recommendation 1 That the Queensland Government commission research in relation to formal and informal help-seeking behaviours by people affected by domestic and family violence in intimate partnerships, and the key influences in decisions to contact particular services, including perceptions about which services are the most helpful.	Queensland Government response published 4 August 2023 Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) released the second report from their project "Transforming responses to intimate partner and sexual violence: Listening to the voices of victims, perpetrators and services" in December 2022. This research is a comprehensive overview of help seeking behaviours and barriers to help-seeking across Australia. The Queensland Government will utilise this research to inform future policy and program development and consider whether additional research is required. .	The Queensland Government's response to the recommendation is implemented. As at 30 June 2026, the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence responded: On 22 May 2026, the Queensland Government released <i>Safer Families, Safer Communities: A Domestic and Family Violence Reform Strategy for Queensland</i> (the Strategy) to guide responses to Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) prevention and intervention. Prevention and early intervention are key pillars of the Strategy with the intent to stop DFV before it starts and ensure people receive support as early as possible to prevent further violence. Through implementation of the Strategy, opportunities to support help-seeking behaviours and leverage bystander action will be explored, with a continued focus on ensuring initiatives are informed by evidence. This includes drawing on relevant, contemporary research undertaken by ANROWS as well as listening to the voices of people with lived experience. These insights will help improve the service system, build domestic and family violence prevention capability, connect people seeking assistance with help available and support bystanders to recognise DFV and intervene safely and appropriately. The Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety will continue to collaborate with ANROWS to help shape and develop the national research agenda to continually enhance the service system response to DFV across Queensland.
Recommendation 2 That the Queensland Government, in implementing recommendation 9 from the Women's Safety and Justice taskforce relating to the plan for the primary prevention of violence against women, provide visible resources for	Queensland Government response published 4 August 2023 Informed by the development of the primary prevention plan in response to recommendation 9 of the Taskforce's Report One, the Queensland Government will identify and pursue opportunities to	The Queensland Government's response to the recommendation is implemented. As at 30 June 2026, the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence responded:

family and friends to obtain information and support. This might be modelled on Ontario's Neighbours, Friends and Family campaign, recognising that many victims of domestic violence tell someone in their informal network about the violence before approaching service providers	develop and distribute resources to support bystanders such as family members and friends to appropriately respond to disclosures of domestic and family violence. This will include consideration of opportunities to build on existing resources aimed at supporting members of the community to respond safely and appropriately to people experiencing domestic and family violence	On 22 May 2026, the Queensland Government released Safer Families, Safer Communities: A Domestic and Family Violence Reform Strategy for Queensland (the Strategy) that highlights the important role of family, friends and community bystanders, in supporting victim-survivors of domestic and family violence. The Strategy elevates the role of the community in working to prevent domestic and family violence (DFV) and will guide future action to equip people to recognise DFV and respond appropriately and safely. The Queensland Government Need to Know website provides practical and accessible information and resources for community members, friends, family and bystanders, to help someone impacted by DFV and direct people to support services (available at www.qld.gov.au/community/getting-support-health-social-issue/support-victims-abuse/need-to-know/i-want-to-help-someone). In November 2025, the Government released a suite of community resources on coercive control and changes to Queensland legislation to establish coercive control as a stand alone offence. These resources were co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, the LGBTQIA+ community and people with a disability (available at www.qld.gov.au/coercivecontrolresources). Online training resources are also freely available to community members who want to know more about coercive control and Queensland legislation available at www.qld.gov.au/dfvtrainingmodules).
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