



Local Government and Domestic Violence

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Role of WALGA

- Enhance the capacity of Local Government to deliver services
- Build a positive profile for Local Government
- Provide effective leadership on behalf of the sector
- Ensuring representation for Local Government

Role of Local Government

(3) In carrying out its functions a local government is to use its best endeavours to meet the needs of current and future generations through an integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity.

[Section 1.3 amended: No. 49 of 2004 s. 15.]

Legislation

- *Local Government Act 1995 (under review)*[Section 1.3 amended: No.49 of 2004 s.15]
- *Public Health Act 2016*
- *Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment (Family Violence) Bill 2018*
- *Residential Tenancy Act 1987 and Residential Parks (Long Stay Tenants) Act 2007*



Department of Communities WA

- Family Domestic Violence 10 Year Strategy
- Aboriginal Family Safety Plan
- State Governments recognise they can do better
- Consultation commencing shortly
- Dept. Communities fdvstrategy@communities.wa.gov.au
- <https://www.communities.wa.gov.au/wa-have-your-say/family-and-domestic-violence-strategy/>



Current and Recent

Child Safety and National Redress

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National Landscape

- Our Watch has been established to drive nationwide change in the culture, behaviours and power imbalances that lead to violence against women and their children.
- Kellie Nagle, Policy Adviser, Preventing Violence Against Women, Municipal Association of knagle@mav.asn.au www.mav.asn.au/genderequality

Case Studies

Darebin City Council:

- Developed Family Violence Help Cards as a resource for use in community
- A White Ribbon Action Team ad strategic plan to raise awareness
- A staff Family Violence Strategy and e-learning training module
- Developed a Women's Equity Strategy.

Maribyrnong City Council:

- Facility Audit Tool, Gender Equity Tool
- The audit tool assesses lighting, sightlines, isolation, possible assault sites, movement predictors, possible entrapment sites and raises questions around real and perceived community safety.

Casey City Council:

- Promoting Peace in Families Project, working with faith communities
- A \$600,000 Department of Justice grant for Challenge Family Violence, a male leadership project.



LG Toolkit

- Local Government Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Prevention Toolkit
- National Secretariat to provide oversight and implementation of the Toolkit to support Action 1.2(a) Third Action Plan *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Children 2010-2022*
- 2nd National Summit in Adelaide in October 2018
- Cwth Government leading development of [Fourth Action Plan](#)