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VICTORIANS CREATE BLUEPRINT FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Corporate powerhouses, female leaders and entertainers are among hundreds of Victorians helping shape the Andrews Labor Government’s blueprint for the state’s first ever Gender Equality Strategy.

After an eight-week roadshow across regional Victoria and with community groups, the gender equality strategy forums continue with a two-day intensive consultation today and Friday.

The consultations to improve women’s equality are being led by the Minister for Women and the Prevention of Family Violence Fiona Richardson.

The Labor Government’s strategy, to be released this year, aims to embed equality and respect for women and men within as many public and private organisations as possible and push for change at a Commonwealth level.

It is also part of the Government’s response to the Royal Commission into Family Violence, which found that violence against women begins with bad attitudes towards women.

Ms Richardson is partnering with Women’s Leadership Victoria, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Chief Executive Women and the Media Arts and Entertainment Alliance for the following four forums:

- Leaders for gender equality: 8 September, 9am-11am
- Corporate leaders: 8 September, 1pm-3.30pm
- Media, entertainment and the arts: 9 September, 9am-11am
- Consultation open to all Victorians: 9 September, 1pm-3pm

As part of the consultation blitz, Ms Richardson has also visited regional towns, and consulted separately with:

- Aboriginal Victorians
- Victorians with a disability
- LGBTIQ Victorians
- Senior Victorians
- Small business, innovation and STEM
- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Young Victorians


For any queries or to register for a session, please email genderequality@dpc.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Women Fiona Richardson

“Across our towns and among all parts of our society, Victorians have made themselves heard: they want equality for women. Their guidance will be crucial.”

“We can change the rates of violence against women if we change bad attitudes towards women. We want to set the agenda for gender equality in this country, and I’m thrilled that so many Victorians will have helped us do it.”

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