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10 YEAR PLAN TO END FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Andrews Labor Government will deliver landmark reforms to protect women and children, with the release of a 10 Year Plan to end family violence.

Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change details how the Labor Government will deliver the 227 recommendations made by Australia's first Royal Commission into Family Violence and build a new system that protects families and punishes perpetrators.

On average one woman is killed every week in Australia by a current or former partner.

To help achieve a Victoria where no women or children are killed as a result of family violence, the Labor Government will:

- Establish a network of Support and Safety Hubs across Victoria, where victim survivors can access the support they need to stay safe
- Recruit new specialist family violence workers to support women and their children access services they need to stay safe and get back on their feet
- Invest a further \$218 million in social housing and private rental assistance, bringing housing investment to \$600 million since the Royal Commission report
- Strengthen intervention orders, tighten up the bail process, and allow for the better sharing of information so a victims right to safety isn't trumped by a perpetrators right to privacy
- Provide specialist training to Victoria Police officers who play a critical role in responding to family violence and upgrade our courts to provide greater security for victim survivors
- Initiate a Primary Prevention strategy, alongside a state-wide behavioural change campaign, to help stop family violence happening in the first place

These reforms will require government to transform the way it works with a number of new bodies created:

- A co-ordination agency which will oversee the operation of the Support and Safety Hubs
- A prevention agency with dedicated funding focusing on providing advice on best practice
- A Centre for Workforce Excellence to focus on building the strongest possible workforce
- The Victorian Centre for Data Insights will change the way that government collects information and will build new capabilities to analyse data to protect families at risk

This announcement follows our record \$572 million investment in the *Victorian Budget 2016/17*. A 10 Year Investment Plan will be released in March 2017 detailing the further funding needed to implement our reforms.

Together we are building a new system to prevent family violence, protect the vulnerable, and punish the guilty.

These are landmark reforms that will help save the lives of women and children across Victoria.

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