


NATIONAL SUMMIT ON WOMEN'S SAFETY 2021

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
6 & 7



Australian Government



The National Summit on Women's Safety represents the culmination point of a program of consultation activities to inform the next National Plan to end violence against women and children. A series of workshops, interviews, and a public survey have already provided important insight into national priorities.

The Summit will build on prior consultation activities and will focus on **key issues affecting women's safety**, including the prevention of violence, technology and abuse, coercive control, policing and justice

responses, sexual violence, frontline service delivery and innovation, violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and strengthening partnerships with the private sector to prevent and reduce violence.

A series of roundtables will be held prior to the Summit. The roundtables, together with the Summit keynote addresses and panel discussions on issues affecting women's safety, will **contribute insights and help determine the priorities for the next National Plan.**

Our Panels & Presentations

Day 1 Monday 6 September

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' experiences of family, domestic and sexual violence

Empowering First Nations communities to design holistic, integrated and Indigenous-led responses and services from a position of cultural sensitivity and security is essential to reducing the disproportionate rates of violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The panel will discuss the need for First Nations-specific measures, including place-based responses, the challenges posed by remote locations as well as what is required for family, domestic and sexual violence services to meet the needs of First Nations clients.

Financial freedom: creating economic security and escaping financial abuse

Women's economic security and financial independence is crucial to ensuring women can control their own circumstances. This panel will explore how a lack of economic security can add to inequality and drive violence against women.

Roadmap to Respect@Work

This panel will discuss the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission's *Respect@Work: Sexual Harassment National Inquiry Report* and approaches to creating a culture of respectful relationships in the workplace.

Alter the course: perpetrator interventions, coercive control and early intervention

Being able to intervene early when a situation is at risk of becoming violent means we can help alter the course of the lives of both perpetrators and victims for the better. This panel will discuss how to identify the risk of violence through understanding precursor behaviours, how to work with men who are or may perpetrate violence to change their behaviour and the criminalisation of coercive control.

Violence against women is everybody's business

Businesses across Australia are putting in place innovative measures and training programs recognising that we must all work together to end violence against women and their children. Through the lens of the three levels of corporate responsibility - to staff, to clients and to community - this panel will discuss the need to further strengthen government and private sector partnerships.

Day 2 Tuesday 7 September

Policing and justice responses

As our understanding of the complex nature of family and domestic violence grows, Australia's police, courts and the Family Court have been evolving. This panel will discuss law enforcement priorities, precursor crimes, the role of intervention orders, the concept of national consistency and linkages with the next *Australasian Policing Strategy to End Domestic and Family Violence*.

Preventing and responding to sexual violence

This panel will explore key issues relating to sexual violence from a number of angles, including the drivers of sexual violence, prevention, respectful relationships education, as well as response priorities in the justice system and how to best support victims and survivors of sexual violence.

Safety and security for older women

Age Discrimination Commissioner the Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO will lead a discussion on the effect violence can have on older women and the specific challenges they face in seeking support.

Stop it at the Start creative presentation

Stop it at the Start, the award-winning national primary prevention campaign, has significantly increased audience understanding that disrespectful attitudes learned in childhood can escalate to violence if left unaddressed. BMF Australia and Kantar Public will discuss the creative process behind the third phase of the campaign and community feedback to the latest instalment.

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10.00am - 10.15am	Summit Opening Welcome to Country Aunty Violet Sheridan		
10.15am - 11.00am	Keynote Address Prime Minister of Australia The Hon. Scott Morrison MP		
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4.45pm - 5.15pm	Day 1 Closing Address Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM Zahra Foundation Australia		

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10.00am - 11.00am	Welcome to Day 2 Keynote Address Julie Inman Grant eSafety Commissioner			
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2.55pm - 3.10pm	Afternoon Tea
3.10pm - 3.40pm	Presentation Stop it at the Start - prevention through advertising Christina Aventi BMF Australia Pia Chaudhuri BMF Australia Kathy O'Donoghue Kantar Public APAC
3.40pm - 4.10pm	Summit Statement feedback session
4.10pm - 4.30pm	Closing Address Senator the Hon. Marise Payne Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston Minister for Families and Social Services and Minister for Women's Safety

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