



**NATIONAL  
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
AND LEGAL SERVICES  
FORUM**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Pay Parity Funds a Welcome Relief for FVPLS Sector**

The Federal Government's Budget commitment of \$8.6million to support pay parity for Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services (FVPLS) is welcome relief for a sector hampered by workforce issues.

"We are pleased by this evening's Federal Budget announcement relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services, including \$15.4million for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services and an additional \$8.6million to Family Violence Prevention Legal Services in 2024-25 as part of the Attorney-General's \$44.1million funding boost to the legal assistance sector," said Kerry Staines, CEO of the FVPLS sector's peak body – the National Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services Forum.

"We welcome this evening's budget announcement regarding the government's commitment of an additional \$8.6million of funding into FVPLS's to support pay parity for our members," Ms Staines said.

"We have consistently highlighted the need for pay parity in the FVPLS sector and see this new injection of funds as crucial to enabling a sustained workforce," she said.

"While the funds will bring welcome relief to our services providers, the announcement is just the start of what our services need to ensure violence against First Nations women and children can be prevented."

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#### **About the NFVPLS Forum**

The National Family Violence Prevention & Legals Services Forum (NFVPLS Forum) was established in May 2012 and is the National Peak Body for Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) around Australia that provide culturally safe and holistic services to First Nations people affected by family violence – predominantly women and children. The NFVPLS Forum provides expert national policy advice in areas of policy, planning and law reform, and advocates for safety and justice for First Nations people affected by family violence.