

# FREEDOM FROM FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE



# **Current Situation**

- 1 in 4 women experience violence from partner or family
- 1 in 8 men experience violence from partner or family
- 1+ woman is murdered weekly by a partner or family
- 20% of Australians believe violence is a 'normal' reaction to day-to-day stress

# **Proposed Changes**

## **FEDERAL/STATE**

- Long-term investment in prevention initiatives to encourage healthy and respectful relationships and offer alternatives to violence that are topic, age, and culturally appropriate
- Establish long lasting commitment & funding to prevention, intervention, response, and recovery support for children & young people
- Increased research funding to identify the most effective interventions for domestic violence offenders
- Provide community legal centres with increased long-term secure funding to assist people escaping violence

### **FEDERAL**

- Enact the Family Law Amendment Bill 2024 that considers family violence in property disputes, financial settlements, and improve access to child support
- Financial abuse legislative and regulatory reforms to prevent financial abuse and support victim survivors to ensure access to and monitoring of safe, secure, and inclusive financial products/ institutions; employee & community training and awareness raising

### STATE

- More investment in men's behaviour change programs
- Family & domestic violence training for first responders and justice system workers
- Boost victim-survivors twoyear post-separation support (as a period of heightened risk) with service models & housing aiding safety, recovery and reestablishment