



## MEDIA RELEASE

### ***Continued funding for the National Women's Alliances***

*“The Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA) is delighted that the Australian Government has extended funding for all the National Women's Alliances for a further three years until 2016. AWAVA welcomes the opportunity to further strengthen our work with the preventing violence against women sector, with governments and communities, alongside the other women's Alliances.*

*We will continue to focus on supporting the implementation of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children and to really drive the long-term social change needed to address violence against women and girls. Over the next three years we will continue to advocate for the responsible investment in both primary prevention and specialist support services and for the recognition of gender and other social inequalities as both a cause and consequence of violence against women and girls. We will continue to make sure that women's voices, including victims and survivors are heard by Government.*

*To achieve a real reduction in the disturbing levels of violence against women and girls we need a long-term, sustainable, comprehensive whole-of-government, whole-of-school, whole-of-community, cross-sector approach.”*

*“While living free from violence is everyone's right, reducing violence is everyone's responsibility” – National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children*

**- Julie Oberin, Chair of the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA)**

### **Background**

#### **Australian Women Against Violence Alliance (AWAVA)**

AWAVA is the Commonwealth-funded National Women's Alliance focused on addressing all forms of violence against women and girls.

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