

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Thank you to the Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse

The Australian Women against Violence Alliance (AWAVA) would like to thank the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse (ADFVC) for services rendered to the responding to and preventing violence against women Sector. AWAVA congratulates ADFVC founders Professor Tony Vinson, Professor Jan Breckenridge and Professor Eileen Baldry and the Directors: Lesley Laing, Jane Mulrone, Carrie Chan and Gaby Marcus for their vision, their expertise, and their commitment.

The contribution of ADFVC to our Sector has been significant. For more than a decade, the ADFVC has contributed to the knowledge base on domestic and family violence and effective responses and best practice based prevention for survivors and victims through the provision of resources, up-to-date information, and cutting-edge research and services. In particular, the ADFVC has assisted our Sector in the work we do through the robust translation of research to practice and we extend our deep gratitude to the staff, past and present.

As the National Centre of Excellence (NCE) begins to take over responsibility for violence against women research dissemination, AWAVA looks forward to engaging and collaborating closely with the NCE. We welcome the appointment of Ms. Heather Nancarrow as Chief Executive Officer who brings to the post a wealth of academic, service provision, and policy expertise. We hope that the NCE will continue to enhance the evidence base with regard to domestic and family violence and sexual assault in support of the National Plan. We look forward to supporting the NCE and hope that the ADFVC's pioneering focus on translating evidence into information to support the work of practitioners in our Sector will be **retained** and **strengthened**. It is vital that the NCE notes the continuing importance of collaborating with our Sector, by harnessing and amplifying our practice wisdom, to strengthen the research infrastructure in responding to and preventing violence against women.

Thank you to the ADFVC, your services have been invaluable.

**This statement has been endorsed, in part or in full, by the following organisations:**

1. Association of Women Educators (AWE)
2. National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence (NASASV)
3. Women's Services Network (WESNET)
4. Australasian Council of Women and Policing (ACWAP)
5. Australian Women's Health Network (AWHN)
6. Coalition of Women's Domestic Violence Services of South Australia
7. Domestic Violence Victoria (DV Vic)
8. National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence, Australian Capital Territory
9. National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence, Northern Territory
10. National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence, Tasmania
11. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA)
12. Network of Immigrant and Refugee Women Australia (NIRWA)
13. Domestic Violence NSW (DV NSW)
14. National Union of Students, Women's Officer
15. Queensland Domestic Violence Service Network (QDVSN)
16. Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services WA
17. Women's Essential Service Providers Tasmania
18. Women's Legal Services Australia (WLSA)
19. Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA)