

# **Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Action Plan 2**

Taking Stock, Evaluating and Reviewing, and Building on What Works: 2022-2025

Detailed deliverables under Action Plan 2



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This document provides the detailed deliverables under Action Plan 2 of the Northern Territory's Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Framework. Action Plan 2 (including the policy background) and the supporting documents (the Mapping Report, and the Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability Plan) are available at <a href="https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/dfsv-reduction">https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/dfsv-reduction</a>

- **1 DOMAIN 1:** Primary Prevention stop violence before it starts
- **DOMAIN 2:** Early Intervention and Accountability identify early, stop violence escalating and prevent it reoccurring
- 3 DOMAIN 3: Response, Recovery and Healing address impacts of violence and reduce trauma
- **DOMAIN 4:** Systemic Enablers and Reform Coordination effective architecture for a coordinated and evidence based system

Note that actions usually fall under more than one domain, since domains are intersecting. This reflects the reality that prevention, early intervention, response and recovery, and systemic enablers and reform, do not represent a linear progression.

New funding/ continuing from AP1							Dom	ain	
		Action	Responds to (policy basis)	Funding	Lead Agency	1	2	3	4
New	1.1	Implement respectful relationships education (RRE) in educational settings	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO	Within existing resources	DoE				
		This action will support the promotion of evidence-based and developmentally appropriate RRE in educational settings (early childhood education and care; primary, middle and senior education, and education settings as workplaces) and increase opportunities for educator capability building in the delivery of effective programs and approaches. This includes:	consultations						
		1. Implementation of Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum, HPE and the relevant general capabilities and cross curriculum priorities to occur through the department's Teaching and Learning Services division for birth to year 12.				1			
		2. Collaborations with identified NT not-for-profit organisations or relevant NT Government partner organisations to ensure educators have access to culturally appropriate resources and professional learning. This includes embedding the expertise of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and DFSV specialists in the development and review of resources for staff and students.							
New	1.2	Community Awareness Campaign - Safe, healthy, respectful relationships - what do they look like?	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO	Within existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		This action is to co-design a campaign to increase understanding of healthy and safe relationships and coercive control,	consultations			4			
		with ACCOs, Aboriginal media outlets and Aboriginal communities, with a focus on remote communities. This project will empower Territorians, with a focus on Aboriginal families and communities, to identify coercive control through culturally	NT AJA						
		safe, community-level engagement, including the potential to involve the Law and Justice Groups established under the	Closing the Gap						
	4.0	Aboriginal Justice Agreement.	NT DFV Justice Review SR 9, SR 7 <sup>1</sup>	AL IAI. D. I					
Vew	1.3	Establish and implement an Aboriginal led DFSV prevention initiatives fund	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	\$0.4M 23-24	Aboriginal Advisory Board, supported by TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Under this action, the DFSV Aboriginal Advisory Board will manage funding to support the increased awareness, knowledge and understanding of healthy, safe and respectful relationships (including understanding non-physical forms of DFSV) in	NTAJA	\$0.4M 24-25		4			
		remote communities and contribute to longer term prevention of DFSV. The prevention initiatives will be designed, delivered	Closing the Gap						
		and led by Aboriginal communities which increases the likelihood that the initiatives are culturally safe, relevant and have significant impact on the communities in which they grow.	NT DFV Justice Review SR 9, SR 7						
New	1.4	Establish a sexual harassment prevention officer in NT Worksafe	Respect@Work, Roadmap to	Within existing resources	AGD – NTWorksafe				
		The officer will develop and implement initiatives on workplace sexual harassment in the NT, including providing information	Respect						
		and support for workers and employers, and improving systems and data collection in relation to workplace sexual	SVPRF			U		3	
		harassment.	NT Gender Equality Action Plan						
Continuing	1.5a	Continue the Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Primary Prevention Grant Program	AP1	Within existing resources (AP1	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		The Primary Prevention Grant Program commenced in 2019 and provides funding for community-led primary prevention projects that challenge and change social and cultural attitudes, practices and structures that underpin DFSV, as well as evaluation funding. The aim of the Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Grants Program is to increase and strengthen evidence based primary prevention projects in the NT.		\$1M p.a ongoing)		4			
Continuing	1.5b	Expand the Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Primary Prevention Grant Program	AP1	\$2M over 4 years (2022 budget)	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Expand the available funding from \$1 million to \$1.5 million p.a to help address the significant demand for DFSV primary prevention projects, as evidenced by the regular oversubscription of the grant program funding.	AP2 consultations			1			

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Continuing	1.5c	Evaluate the Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Primary Prevention Grant Program	AP2 consultations	Within existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		From 2022-23 Safe, Respected and Free from Violence Primary Prevention Grant recipients receive an additional \$75,000 over their 3 year grant to evaluate their projects. These project evaluations will be reviewed to determine the effectiveness of the initiatives and the shared outcomes, and contribute towards an overall evaluation of the grants program.	AP1			1			4
Continuing	1.6	Continue to support and grow Primary Prevention capability and capacity in the NT through the NT Primary Prevention Community of Practice and the Our Watch Primary Prevention Officer Partnership to increase prevention capability across the NT	AP1 1.2c and WSDP 15	Within existing funding (AP1)	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		The NT Government are working in partnership with Our Watch to fund a primary prevention officer based in the NT. The role facilitates connections between those working in primary prevention both within and outside government; strengthens understanding of and capability to implement primary prevention; supports the community sector and private sector organisations that want to engage in primary prevention activity and raises awareness of key Our Watch evidence and resources to support an evidence based approach.				4		3	4
Continuing	1.7	Implement the NT-relevant Respect@Work Report recommendations	Respect@Work and NT	Within existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		The NT Government has agreed to implement recommendations of the National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces Respect@Work Report, which aim to shift from a reactive, complaints-based system that puts a heavy burden on individual victims, to one where employers proactively prevent and address sexual harassment to create safe workplaces. A multi-agency implementation plan will be developed and progressed.	Implementation Plan			4			
Continuing	1.8	Support actions under the NT Gender Equality Action Plan 2022-2025 that work to address the drivers of gender-based violence	AP1	Within existing funding (AP1 \$0.3M p.a ongoing)	TFHC (Office of Gender Equity and Diversity) in collaboration				
		Under Action Plan 1, funding of \$0.3M was allocated on an ongoing basis to support DFSV community awareness raising and primary prevention. This funding is managed by the TFHC Office of Gender Equity and Diversity, in collaboration with the TFHC DFSV-ICRO, to support actions under the NT Gender Equality Action Plan that work to address the drivers of gender-based violence.			with TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)	1			
New	2.1a	Co-design and implement a cross-agency evidence-based framework for programs for people who have committed	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	NPA funding <sup>2</sup>	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO) in				
		DFV for the NT	DFV Justice Reform SR 22		collaboration with AGD				
		An overarching Framework for programs for people who have committed DFV will be developed, informed by the best available evidence, by the DFSV-ICRO through a co-design process with DFV specialist services and Aboriginal Community Control Organisations as well as relevant Government agencies, including TFHC, AGD (NTCS and AJU) and NT Police. The Framework will support alignment and coordination between the programs provided in custody and those delivered in community to ensure that victim safety and offender accountability are the foundational objectives for all programs. The proposed Framework will include standards for programs; the declaration process under section 85A of the <i>DFV Act 2007</i> ; ongoing governance and evaluation processes; and the creation of RAMF module and tools for people who commit DFV (action 4.1e). The proposed Framework will ensure that programs are aligned with DFV-informed practice (including the RAMF), building on best available evidence; and are culturally-informed and culturally-safe for all participants, including Aboriginal participants. The project will be informed by the MBCP Evaluation process being undertaken (Action 2.3).	NT Sentencing Reform AJA				2		4
New	2.1b	Expand men's behaviour change programs (MBCP) in community settings under the new Framework.	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	\$2.46M 23-24	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Expand the capacity of programs in community settings for people who have committed DFV under a single co-designed	AGD Sentencing reform	\$2.86M 24-25					
		Framework informed by the best available evidence (Action 2.1a). The 2 existing MBCPs will be expanded for 2 years (in Darwin, Alice Springs and Wadeye) to enable increased ability to meet growing demand for places due to sentencing reform	Data modelling -AGD	NPA <sup>3</sup> (new MBCP)					
		and existing waitlists. The service model will be strengthened in line with the co-designed Framework and standards (Action 2.1a), and the MBCP evaluation (Action 2.3). The service model will include important safeguards such as quarantined funding components for sufficient partner safety workers, and a men's court outreach worker in both locations. The new model will articulate approaches to case management and connections between DFV programs and other services and supports, including healing services, and will be informed by Aboriginal cultural knowledge to ensure that program providers incorporate Aboriginal understandings of healing in program content and format. Programs will acknowledge the importance of a whole-of-family approach to Aboriginal people, and of culture, country and kinship in the healing process. In addition, subject to approvals, NPA funding will be used to establish a new MBCP innovative trial in a regional location for 3.5 years. The trial will develop a new program model in a regional centre of the NT (where no programs currently exist) that prioritises the safety of victim survivors and brings together an understanding of the gendered drivers of DFV, the impacts of colonisation and past practices on Aboriginal people, and the problematic use of alcohol and other drugs as a reinforcing factor in DFV.	AJA	(Current \$1.14M to MBCPs maintained until 30 June 2028)			2		

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New	2.1c	Expand DFV programs in prison to prisoners on remand or serving sentences less than 2 years	Smarter justice	\$1.905M 23-24	AGD				
		Expand the capacity of programs in prison for people who have committed DFV under a single co-designed Framework informed by the best available evidence (Action 2.1a). This involves 4 elements:	Sentencing reform  AJA	\$1.905M 24-25	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		<ol> <li>The delivery of DFV programs to prisoners on remand. Two teams of 2 facilitators will deliver 40 psychoeducation programs of 1 week duration each year with 12 participants each program.</li> </ol>	Review of Prison Programs – Draft report by Prof. Harry Blagg –						
		2. The delivery of intensive DFV programs to prisoners on short sentences (less than 2 years). The program will run for 2 x 3 hour sessions per week for 6 months with 12 participants. There will be 3 teams of 2 facilitators delivering 6 programs per year.	unpublished report commissioned by AGD				2		
		<ol> <li>2 Clinical Leadership positions for DFV Programs to provide management and clinical supervision for both the psychoeducational program and the intensive DFV program.</li> </ol>							
		4. Interpreters, cultural engagement and staff training.							
		The existing 12 staff in the NTCS Offender Services and Programs Unit (9 in Darwin and 3 in Alice Springs) will continue to provide DFV programs (RAGE, Family Violence Program, Safe and Sober Program), and non-DFV programs for other types of offending, for those on sentences over 2 years.							
New	2.2a	Strengthen the Specialist DFV Court Model at the Alice Springs Local Court – Registrar component.	Specialist Court evaluation 2022	\$0.15M 23-24	AGD				
		The initiative strengthens the Specialist DFV Court Model that has been successfully trialled at the Alice Springs Local Court with funding to continue the DFV Registrar position in Alice Springs Local Court. The Registrar has been funded from within to date.		\$0.15M 24-25			2	3	4
New	2.2b	Strengthen the Specialist DFV Court Model at the Alice Springs Local Court – victim survivor support component.	DFV Justice Review SR 19	NPA – 2 frontline workers <sup>4</sup>	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		The initiative strengthens the Specialist DFV Court Model that has been successfully trialled at the Alice Springs Local Court with funding to support non-legal services for protected persons at Alice Springs Local Court. Currently 1 support position is funded through TFHC (WoSSCA) and CAWLS provide support through their core funding. The inability of existing services to meet demand for support for protected persons was identified as a critical gap in the interim evaluation of the Specialist Court model. There were almost 950 Domestic Violence Order applications at Alice Springs Local Court in 2020-21. This funding will provide 2 fully funded victim safety support positions through specialist DFSV services, in addition to the existing WoSSCA position.	Specialist Court evaluation 2022		AGD			3	
New	2.2c	Strengthen the Specialist DFV Court Model at the Alice Springs Local Court – representation component.	DFV Justice Review SR 18	\$0.32M 23-24	AGD				
		The initiative strengthens the Specialist DFV Court Model that has been successfully trialled at the Alice Springs Local Court with funding for legal services for protected persons and defendants. The funding will increase existing grants to legal services in the NT to improve their ability to deliver respondent legal advice and/or representation for defendants in the Specialist Court and prevent protected persons from having to negotiate directly with defendants. Funding will include one duty lawyer for defendants and one for protected persons. The inability of existing legal services to meet demand for legal assistance from both defendants and protected persons was identified as a critical gap in the interim evaluation of the Specialist Court model. While some legal assistance is available through existing funding to legal services it is not sufficient to meet demand which jeopardises the outcomes of the specialist court.	Specialist Court evaluation 2022	\$0.32M 24-25			2	3	
New	2.2d	Strengthen the Specialist DFV Court Model at the Alice Springs Local Court – training component.	DFV Justice Review SR 10, SR 17	\$0.1M 23-24	AGD, and TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		The initiative strengthens the Specialist DFV Court Model that has been successfully trialled at the Alice Springs Local Court with funding to develop and deliver specialist DFV legal education packages for judges and lawyers. The provision of specialist DFV training for judges, court staff, lawyers and other professionals at the Local Court is considered a critical element of all Specialist DFV Court Models. There is no existing funding for the provision of a comprehensive training package to support the existing Specialist Court Approach or to handle DFV matters in Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek. Through the Specialist Approach partnership, the Local Court has leveraged some training sessions at no or low cost to improve understanding and practice in responding to DFV. However, it is agreed that a more comprehensive training package is required as a key component of any Specialist Approach and the delivery of fragmented unfunded training is not sustainable or effective. A Territory-wide DFV training position will be established to co-ordinate and deliver legal-specific DFV training to members of the judiciary and lawyers and other justice system personnel across the NT (including registrars, court staff	Specialist Court evaluation 2022	\$0.05M 24-25			2	3	
New	2 20	and court stakeholders). The training will be aligned to the RAMF.  Strengthen the Specialist DFV Court Model at the Alice Springs Local Court – evaluation component.	DFV Justice Review SR 10	\$0.18M 23-24	AGD				
INCAA	2.2e	The initiative strengthens the Specialist DFV Court Model that has been successfully trialled at the Alice Springs Local Court with funding for a comprehensive external evaluation of the model.	2. 1 Justice Neview JN 10	ψΟ.10ΙΥΙ ΖΟ"Ζ4	AUU		2	3	4

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Continuing	2.3	Evaluate the existing Men's Behaviour Change Programs	AP14.2b	Existing resources AP1	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)		2		4
New	2.4a	Implement the RAMF within NT Police	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	NT Police				
		All ISEs prescribed under the DFV Act 2007 must align their policies, procedures and tools, relevant to information sharing,	DFV Act Ch 5A						
		with the RAMF. This requirement involves significant policy and process reform across all ISEs, including government agencies. This project will support the implementation of the RAMF in key government agencies who are ISEs. Each agency will be supported by the DFSV-ICRO to develop a RAMF Implementation plan and will report against the plan to the Children and Families Standing Committee annually.	DFV Justice Review SR 13				2	3	4
New	2.4b	Develop and implement a frontline tool for police to screen for DFV risk, in alignment with	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	NT Police				
		the RAMF	Coronial recommendations		TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		NT Police will work with the DFSV-ICRO to develop a RAMF aligned tool to screen DFV risk and create a pathway to the CRAT, in a suitable way for police operational requirements. This will support frontline police to effectively assess DFV risk	DFV Act Ch 5A						
		and implement responses, including identifying the person most in need of protection. The tool will be used consistently within the NT Police operational processes, and supported by training and implementation. Efforts will be made to incorporate the tool into the police IT systems. The tool would be a 'moment in time' tool for first responding police. In alignment with the RAMF, this will provide a clear indication of risk indicators, and prompt frontline police to consider a range of factors to determine further actions.	DFV Justice Review SR 13				2	3	4
New	2.4c	Set, enforce and monitor annual targets for NT Police risk assessment and management training	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	NT Police				
		Set and enforce annual targets appropriate to each level for attending RAMF training. It is a condition of the FSF that all FSF	DFV Act Ch 5A						
		Chairs and members have completed RAMF training. In addition to FSF Chairs, target groups within NT Police for training will be: Sergeants, patrol groups, call centre operators and supervisors. NT Police will report the number of attendees at the training in their Annual Report. These training targets will support frontline police to utilise DFV risk assessment processes and tools.	DFV Justice Review SR 13				2 3	4	
New	2.4d	Improve and enhance the response to DFSV through undertaking a review of the General Order - Domestic and Family	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	NT Police				
		<b>Violence</b> to establish a consistent process for the response to domestic violence incidents.	Coronial recommendations				2		
			DFV Justice Review						
New	2.5	Implement the RAMF within NT Health, including implementation of the NT Health DFV Clinical Guidelines	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	NT Health				
		All ISEs prescribed under the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007</i> must align their policies, procedures and tools, relevant to information sharing, with the RAMF. This requirement involves significant policy and process reform across all ISEs,	DFV Act Ch 5A	Budget 2022					
		including government agencies. This project will support the implementation of the RAMF in government agencies who are ISEs. Each agency will be supported by the DFSV-ICRO to develop a RAMF Implementation plan and will report against the plan to the Children and Families Standing Committee annually.	DFV Justice Review SR 23				2	<b>3</b>	4
New	2.6	Implement the RAMF within TFHC	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	TFHC				
		All ISEs prescribed under the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007</i> must align their policies, procedures and tools, relevant	DFV Act Ch 5A						
		to information sharing, with the RAMF. This requirement involves significant policy and process reform across all ISEs, including government agencies. This project will support the implementation of the RAMF in government agencies who are ISEs. Each agency will be supported by the DFSV-ICRO to develop a RAMF Implementation plan and will report against the plan to the Children and Families Standing Committee annually.	DFV Justice Review SR 23				2	3	4
New	2.7	Implement the RAMF within DoE	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	DoE				
		All ISEs prescribed under the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007</i> must align their policies, procedures and tools, relevant to	DFV Act Ch 5A						
		information sharing, with the RAMF. This requirement involves significant policy and process reform across all ISEs, including government agencies. This project will support the implementation of the RAMF in government agencies who are ISEs. Each agency will be supported by the DFSV-ICRO to develop a RAMF Implementation plan and will report against the plan to the Children and Families Standing Committee annually.	DFV Justice Review SR 23				2	3	4
New	2.8	Implement the RAMF within AGD	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	AGD				
		All ISEs prescribed under the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007</i> must align their policies, procedures and tools, relevant	DFV Act Ch 5A						
		to information sharing, with the RAMF. This requirement involves significant policy and process reform across all ISEs, including government agencies. This project will support the implementation of the RAMF in government agencies who are ISEs. Each agency will be supported by the DFSV-ICRO to develop a RAMF Implementation plan and will report against the plan to the Children and Families Standing Committee annually.	DFV Justice Review SR 23				2	3	4

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Continuing 2.9	Support the implementation of RAMF in universal services	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	NPA	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)					
	Under the NPA, grants were provided to 8 universal services to implement the RAMF and improve universal services awareness of and responses to DFV. The project is coordinated through a grant to NTCOSS.					2	3	4	
Continuing 2.10	Establish a new DFSV secondary prevention (early intervention) grant program to support young people who are starting to use violence	AP2 consultations 2022 budget	\$4M over 4 years (2022 Budget)	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)					
	The DFSV secondary prevention (early intervention) grant program is aimed at young people who are starting to use violence, and aims to change the trajectory through a therapeutic approach. This grant will fund projects that focus on DFSV secondary prevention activities and will help address the significant demand for secondary prevention projects in the NT. A funded evaluation component will be included. The program will require partnership with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.					2	3		
Continuing 2.11	Strengthen the understanding and response of disability and seniors' specialist services to DFSV including abuse of older persons (elder abuse)	AP1	Existing funding AP1 (\$0.3M p.a ongoing)	TFHC (Offices of Disability and Senior Territorians)					
	Under Action Plan 1, funding of \$0.3M was allocated on an ongoing basis to support DFSV prevention and response in relation to the high risk cohorts of people with disability and older people. This funding is managed by the TFHC Offices of Disability and Senior Territorians, in collaboration with the TFHC DFSV-ICRO.					2	3		
New 3.1	Strengthen the response of specialist services towards child victim survivors to reduce the impacts of DFSV, increase safety, and assist recovery.	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations Greater Darwin DFV Services	NPA <sup>5</sup>	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)					
	Experiencing DFSV, including witnessing DFSV, causes serious, lasting harm to children. This project supports specialist services to offer therapeutic, child-centred supports to child victim survivors to reduce the impacts of DFSV and help recovery. A grant program will be established to provide trauma-informed, and culturally secure children's workers to respond to the needs of children and young people (under 18) who are experiencing DFSV and are accessing residential women's safe houses and refuges. Specialist DFV accommodation service-providers will be funded to deliver child specific services through this initiative from 2023-24 for 3 years.	Review 2021			2	2	3		
New 3.2	Provide DFSV counselling for female prisoners	DFV Justice Review SR 20	\$0.5M 23-24	AGD					
	The specific needs of women prisoners are often invisible because they are a minority of the prison population. In the NT	AJA	\$0.5M 24-25						
	on 24 November 2022 there were 107 women prisoners or 5% of the prison population. 89% were Aboriginal. Almost 80% of women prisoners in the NT have experienced DFSV either as a child or an adult. Counselling for women prisoners will address DFSV and other forms of trauma. The project will fund 2 specialist trauma counsellors plus Aboriginal cultural and liaison officer/s. The initiative will be delivered by non-government specialist DFSV-informed organisations to ensure that	Review of Prison Programs, Prof Harry Blagg, unpublished report commissioned by AGD					3		
	counsellors are independent and enable rapport and confidentiality. The grants process will emphasise the need for gender-	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations							
	specific services and the importance of cultural safety, and the inclusion of Aboriginal ways of knowing and being. The project will be overseen by a steering committee comprising representatives from AGD (Legal Policy and Aboriginal Justice Units), TFHC (DFSV-ICRO), NT Health and NT Correctional Services (Prison Health Services).	2020 TEWLS report <sup>6</sup>							
New 3.3a	Embed a specialist DFV outreach worker at visitor accommodation	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	\$0.15M 23-24	TFHC (Housing)					
	Women and children affected by DFV are a priority cohort under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement. DFV is the main reason women and children leave their homes in Australia, and the most common reason for seeking assistance from Specialist Homelessness Services in the NT. The lack of medium and long-term accommodation for victim survivors leads to facilities such as visitor parks – which are not suitable for this purpose – being utilised as makeshift accommodation. This initiative provides a worker employed by a DFV specialist service to support victim survivors presenting at YiSSA Batten Road (Darwin) visitor accommodation. The worker will conduct risk assessments, safety planning and case management under the RAMF to connect victim survivors with support services and source alternative accommodation as required. This will increase earlier identification of victim survivors and enable earlier engagement with specialist services.		\$0.15M 24-25				3		

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New	3.3b	Improve intersections between Housing and DFSV Policies and Programs	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	\$0.13M 23-24	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO & Housing)				
		This project will better align the government's housing and homelessness reform strategies with DFSV prevention and response strategies, to improve the integrated response to the housing needs of DFSV victim survivors, who are a priority cohort under the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement. There is a clear correlation between DFV and homelessness, with DFV being the main reason women and children leave their homes in Australia, and the most common reason for seeking assistance from Specialist Homelessness Services in the NT.		\$0.13M 24-25					
		A Senior Policy Officer will be engaged to work between the DFSV-ICRO; Housing Market Reforms and Programs; and Operational Policy units. This officer will support the implementation of DFV responsive housing programs, improved DFSV housing policies and greater coordination between DFSV and Housing services, including:							
		NPA Visitor accommodation DFSV specialist project (Action 3.3a)							
		NPA head leasing project and evaluation (Action 3.3c)						3	
		NPA Housing research project (Action 3.3d)							
		<ul> <li>policy reviews to establish a consistent process for how DFV victim survivors are treated, assessed and housed across social housing system, balanced against other priority groups</li> </ul>							
		• align housing practice to RAMF and outline the roles and responsibilities of housing staff in identifying and managing DFV risk under RAMF							
		• support a Housing and DFV Advisory Group with government and sector stakeholders to advocate for services and inform reforms to meet the needs of DFV victim survivors across the housing programs portfolio; and							
		<ul> <li>review existing programs to improve alignment with the needs of DFV victim survivors, including: priority housing application, waitlist and allocations process and computer record system; allocation of DFV providers under the IHAS program; and possible DFV services integration into the proposed 'Find a Bed' system.</li> </ul>							
Continuing	3.3c	Pilot and evaluate a DFSV Housing Pathways Transitional Accommodation program	AP2 consultations	NPA	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO & Housing)				
		The DFSV Housing Pathways pilot program commenced in 2023-24 and supports DFSV victim survivors through a head-leasing approach with specialist DFSV supports. Projects have been funded in Darwin and Alice Springs for a 2 year trial.						3	
Continuing	3.3d	Undertake research into DFSV victim survivors' housing pathways	AP2 consultations	NPA	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO & Housing)				
		This project will work across TFHC Housing, the DFSV ICRO, specialist researchers and sector stakeholders to grow the evidence base into DFSV victim survivors' current pathways through housing systems, and inform future approaches.						3	4
New	3.4	Improve DFSV responses in NT hospitals and health settings	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Within existing resources	NT Health				
		NT Health will strengthen their frontline service response to DFSV and increase their capacity to manage the health service experience for DFSV victim survivors and those at risk. The project will embed an improved, culturally competent, coordinated DFSV response to:							
		• Meet NT Health clients' short to medium term DFSV safety, response and recovery needs.							
		• Facilitate clients' transition into and out from NT Health services and strengthen referral pathways between NT Health and the community and DFSV specialist sectors to provide an integrated service response.						3	
		• Improve NT Health DFSV health systems planning and coordination at a regional and Territory level with consideration of the sector, stakeholders and partners.							
		• Provide a sustainable regional and service appropriate DFSV response practice model that ensures clinical and cultural support and the social and emotional wellbeing of team members.							

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from AP1		Action	Responds to (policy basis)	Funding	Lead Agency	1	2	3 4
New	3.5	Implement a DFV Specialist Prosecutor and additional witness assistance supports	DFV Justice Review SR 16, SR 17	\$0.851M 23-24 \$0.851M 24-25	AGD			
		This project aims to reduce the stress and trauma for DFV victim survivors in criminal proceedings by improving the capacity of the DPP to take a specialist approach to DFV prosecutions and strengthening witness assistance. DFV criminal matters in the NT are estimated to be 60% of prosecutions. Being a complainant and witness victim survivor in DFV-related court proceedings has been identified as confusing, stressful and traumatic. In DFV cases the evidence provided by the complainant is heavily relied upon and without this evidence it can be difficult to secure a conviction. The high level of attrition means many offenders are not brought to justice and reoffend. Specialist prosecution units for DFSV violence have been successfully trialled in the ACT and Victoria.	DFV Journey Mapping Report, Dawn House, 2018					
		This initiative will provide:						
		<ul> <li>a specialist DFV prosecutor to prosecute more complex DFV matters and up-skill other prosecutors on DFV-related law, as well as up-skilling police members who are involved in investigating DFV matters and collecting evidence. This is expected to minimise trauma for victim survivors, improve the quality of evidence collected by police, and reduce attrition in DFV prosecutions. The prosecutor will provide leadership, mentoring and guidance to junior prosecutors and support continuous improvement and reflective practice activities at the DPP in relation to DFV prosecutions. (It is noted that the DPP already has a Prosecutor who provides specialist management for Sexual Offences matters.)</li> <li>4 additional Witness Assistance Service staff who support DFV complainants prior to, and throughout, Court proceedings. The current 8 WAS staff support complainants in Supreme Court matters. Additional WAS staff will expand support to the Local Court where a significant number of serious DFV matters (eg aggravated assaults) are prosecuted, to support more successful prosecutions and reduce trauma to victim survivors.</li> </ul>						3
New	3.6	Develop and trial a DFSV co-responder model within NT Police	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations		NT Police and TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)			
		Develop and trial a co-responder pilot with victim survivor support organisations working alongside police and responding to DFV incidents in Alice Springs. The model will also improve police responses to DFV through internal audits, and the application of a police-specific DFV screening Tool (action 2.4b). The DFSV specialist will provide support to police and victim survivors following police involvement. The trial aims to support delivery of a consistent, trauma informed response to victim survivors; support police to manage vicarious trauma; and contribute to long term cultural and attitudinal change within NT Police and the wider community. The model will be developed in the first quarter of 2023-24 by a consultant, in consultation with key stakeholders, and draw on learnings from similar pilots in other jurisdictions. The project will comprise a team consisting of one project coordinator and intelligence analyst AO6; 2 specialist DFSV workers; 2 police officers and one Aboriginal Community Police Officer. The pilot will be overseen by a governance group including TFHC (DFSV-ICRO), NT Police, and specialist services. TFHC (DFSV-ICRO) will administer the grant for the 2 specialist DFSV service providers. The Coordinator/Analyst will manage the governance and perform intelligence analysis to review and improve DFSV responses and compliance with DFSV policing procedures (auditing component). They will interrogate the police case management system to identify DV incidents (with a focus on intimate partner violence) that have been attended by police in the previous 24 hours, and analyse police response; co-responder impact; the relationship history and perpetrator's behavioural history; and ensure appropriate referrals have been made. They will also complete a CRAT and determine if further (immediate) police action is required. The project will be aligned with, and guided by, the NT DFSV Framework, and the RAMF.		Police component)  NPA Funding (Victim survivor support component – 2 frontline workers)				3
Continuing	3.7	Provide crisis accommodation and wraparound supports (including outreach, counselling, Flexible Support Packages) to DFSV victim survivors TFHC funds 15 NGOs to deliver 17 DFV response services for victim survivors and 2 MBCPs across the NT. In addition to their 'core' funding, organisations also receive Enhanced Specialist Services Grants (ESSG) to provide counselling, outreach and other wraparound supports. The majority of services are on 5 year agreements. IN addition, TFHC operates 12 remote women's safe houses, funded through Commonwealth funding.	AP1	Existing resources (AP1)	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)			3
Continuing	3.8	Increase funding for Enhanced Specialist Services Grants (ESSG)	AP2 consultations	\$4M over 4 years (2022 Budget)	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)			
content of the conten	0.0	In 2022, an additional \$1M per annum for 4 years was allocated to expand the ESSG, which provides wraparound specialist supports for DFV victim survivors, and expands the DFV specialist service response from a basic crisis accommodation model to provide support beyond immediate housing, and enable early intervention in the more complex issues facing victim survivors.	Budget 2022	\$ 11.1016. 1.76d.0 (2022 2ddget)				3
New	3.9	Consider DFSV risks in emergency response and recovery planning and activities, to support planning and response to DFSV during emergencies.	AP2 Consultations	Existing resources	TFHC			3
Continuing	3.10	Support NTPS to lead the way on DFSV responses in NT workplaces	AP1 5.2a	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)			
		Support the effective implementation of DFSV leave policy and other supports, including responses to people committing DFV in the workplace, to build capacity of the NT Public Service to better respond to staff impacted by DFSV.	AP1 5.2b					3 4
Continuing	3.11	Establish Aboriginal-led community-based specialist sexual assault service(s) to build local and regional capacity, and	AP2 Consultations	Existing resources				
		commission new culturally-designed services including cultural healers, social emotional wellbeing workforce, counsellors and other trauma-based experts.	Budget 2022	NT Health				3

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Continuing	3.12	Improve capability at the Ruby Gaea Darwin Centre Against Sexual Violence, which provides support and counselling to	AP2 Consultations	Existing resources					
		women and children who have experienced sexual violence.	Budget 2022	NT Health				3	
New	4.1a	Establish and maintain a sustainable, DFSV coordination mechanism to lead consistent and evidence-based DFSV	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	\$1.6M 23-24	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		policy and practice reform	DFV Justice Review SR 4	\$1.55M 24-25					
		The DFSV-ICRO will lead DFSV policy integration and implementation, including whole of government critical projects (RAMF, FSF, DFV Death Review, evaluations, governance) as well as the coordination of the cross agency implementation of actions under the DFSV Framework (Action Plans 1 and 2). The DFSV ICRO will be reconstituted and resourced to fulfil the ongoing and expanded role, with adaptations identified during the operation of the ICRO in 2022-23. The new DFSV-ICRO will provide strong oversight and support effective coordination, as a whole-of-government structure to oversee reform, system performance, policy development and implementation. It will:							
		$\bullet  \text{take stewardship for the effective implementation of actions under Action Plans 1 and 2, in collaboration with agency leads} \\$							
		<ul> <li>have sufficient resources for policy development, data analytics, knowledge translation, monitoring and evaluation, accountability and reporting, governance support, and engagement with stakeholders</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>include DFSV regional coordinators to ensure reform implementation is consistent and locally responsive, and to enable coordination and strengthening of local service systems</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>coordinate and provide strategic policy advice to government on DFSV, the DFSV Framework and its action plans, and reporting on National Plans</li> </ul>							4
		provide secretariat services to the Cross Agency Working Group and the Aboriginal Advisory Board							
		report to the Children and Families Standing Committee      produce and publish as appeal specifically diagrams at PAME implementation status.							
		<ul> <li>produce and publish an annual report, including agency RAMF implementation status</li> <li>oversee review, implementation and further development of the RAMF and the FSF</li> </ul>							
		oversee implementation of associated policy frameworks, including the SVPRF, and the NT DFSV WSDP							
		<ul> <li>explore opportunities to audit Commonwealth DFSV investment and align NT investment with the Commonwealth, including the potential for a coordinated investment framework for DFSV</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>explore DFSV-responsive policy audit processes, such as DFSV impact statements for Cabinet proposals, or reports on DFSV-related risks and opportunities within each ministerial portfolio</li> </ul>							
		manage new work in perpetrator policy development and implementation.							
		The new DFSV-ICRO will be established as a standalone coordination area separate to the existing operational responsibilities of TFHC, and will incorporate the existing ODFSVR staff and responsibilities, merging the 2 offices to ensure a seamless and centralised approach.							
New	4.1b	Establish and support a DFSV Aboriginal Advisory Board	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	\$0.08M 23-24	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Establish mechanisms for Aboriginal people and organisations to advise the Minister on DFSV policy and program development. The DFSV Aboriginal Advisory Board is a mechanism for Aboriginal Territorians, communities and organisations to be meaningfully engaged in DFSV policy and program development so that initiatives have cultural authority, are culturally secure, are community-led and locally effective. The Board will be supported to operate through ICRO Secretariat, and funding will cover sitting fees, meeting expenses and project support.	Closing the Gap	\$0.08M 24-25					4
New	4.1c	Establish and implement a systemic DFV death review process for the NT	DFV Justice Review SR 26	\$0.15M 23-24	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Develop a DFV Systemic Death Review Process to ensure that we learn from tragic deaths and jointly develop systems improvements to prevent future DFV-related harm and death. This funding will support the establishment of a statutory, dynamic, proactive, cross agency, systems based review process in the NT to identify and examine learnings from deaths that occur in a DFV context, and facilitate systemic improvements to avoid future deaths. The review process will include research, investigations and case reviews of these deaths; and identification of fatality risk factors to inform risk assessment processes and service system responses. The review process includes developing and monitoring recommendations for systemic change; and reporting to the public and government on progress. The DFSV-ICRO will work with the AGD and the Coroner's Office to develop a model in line with jurisdictional protocols. Reviews will link with RAMF so risk factors are updated. (It is noted that a Research Officer (Family Violence) 0.6 FTE within the Coroner's Office maintains a dataset in relation to intimate partner violence homicides from 2008, and contributes data to the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Death Review Network's Data Report. The reviews conducted by the Research Officer examine the context in which the deaths have occurred and the adequacy of system responses to DFV. This approach has improved data collection and supported the Coroner's work but does not facilitate cross-agency systems change to prevent DFV-related fatalities.)	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations AP1 5.1b	\$0.15M 24-25					4

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New		Undertake a review of the RAMF and RAMF implementation progress	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations		TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		The review of the RAMF following 2 years of implementation was flagged upon the release of the RAMF in 2021. The review will be independent and will also be informed by the Information Commissioner's findings from the review under Chapter 5A DFV Act (pending). This project will engage the services of a consultant to:							
		assess the RAMF against emerging evidence on fatality risks, including recent coronials;							4
		• assess the implementation of the RAMF across both ISEs and non-ISEs;							
		identify barriers to implementation of the RAMF; and							
		make recommendations to enhance implementation of the RAMF.							
New	4.1e	Expand the RAMF to respond to practitioner needs	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	\$0.13M 23-24	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		As flagged on the release of the RAMF in 2021, the DFSV-ICRO will develop 3 additional modules in response to stakeholder needs –guidance for the workforce on working with adults who are committing violence (developed as part of the coordinated Framework under Action 2.1a), working with children who are victim survivors, and working with young people who are using violence. Experts appropriate to each topic will be engaged to support the expansion, and training expansion packs will be considered.		\$0.13M 24-25			2	3	4
New	4.1f	Develop and implement a monitoring, evaluation and accountability plan (MEAP) for the DFSV Reduction Framework	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultation	23-24 \$0.15M	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		and action plans.	AP1	24-25 \$0.2M	All agencies				
		The DFSV-ICRO will finalise the development of and implement the MEAP for the DFSV Framework and action plans, and will lead evaluations of flagship projects as well as overall framework outcomes. The DFSV-ICRO will work with all agency partners to align DFSV evaluations with the MEAP. Learnings from evaluations will support improvements to Framework implementation.			DTF				4
New	4.2	Strengthen the Family Safety Framework through enhanced intelligence and coordination	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO Consultations	\$0.47M 23-24	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO) and NT Police				
		The FSF, established in 2012, is the NT's integrated, multi service response for people at risk of serious harm or death because of DFV and is a critical component of the DFSV safety architecture in the NT. This initiative includes:	DFV Justice Review SR 24 FSF Annual review process 2022	\$0.47M 24-25					
		establishing a new intelligence support officer for FSF Nhulunbuy	1 31 Allitual Teview process 2022	NIDA					
		establishing a new FSF in Wadeye and an intelligence support officer		NPA – existing activity to develop FSF Portal					
		<ul> <li>upgrading level of existing Intelligence support Officers in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Darwin</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>establishing a FSF Co-ordination Officer to drive the implementation of FSF within NT Police. The role will enhance coordination across regional FSFs and will support quality assurance and ongoing monitoring and review of the FSFs, including through annual regional reflective practice sessions. The role will work in partnership with TFHC as the policy lead, and will ensure obligations under the FSF MOU are met</li> </ul>					2	3	4
		• funding for the development and implementation of an online FSF Portal 2 years to improve FSF administration, accountability and function. The Portal will provide a secure, centralised IT system to support referrals and meeting administration, and will enable the CRAT to be filled out online, integrated into the FSF Portal, accessible to both registered and authorised guest users.							
New	4.3	Develop and publish DFSV data for the NT	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		This project will allow stakeholders to easily and quickly access relevant and up to date data on the prevalence and nature of	AP1 2.2						4
		DFSV in the NT through an annual accessible data snapshot.							
Continuing	4.4	Continue to strengthen DFV information sharing	AP1 5.4b	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Work will continue on implementation and strengthening of the DFV Information Sharing Scheme under Chapter 5A of the DFV Act., including:							
		• Support for NGOs to become ISEs and providing information to entities on the scheme and process to become prescribed							
		Supporting existing ISEs to adhere to their obligations under the DFV Act					2	3	4
		Providing information and support to entities on organisational alignment with the RAMF							
		Monitoring of the implementation of the scheme      Monitoring of the implementation of the scheme      Monitoring of the implementation of the scheme							
		Where appropriate, implementation of recommendations from the Information Commissioner's review into the Scheme							
Continuing	15	This links to Actions 2.4-2.9, 4.1d, 4.1e.  Establish the DFSV Resource Centre	AD1 2 /2 2 /4 2 /4	Existing resources (from AD1	TEHC (DES)/ ICDO)				
Continuing	4.3		AP1 2.4a, 2.4b, 3.4d, 3.4e	Existing resources (from AP1 funding \$0.5M per year)	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		A key action of the DFSV Workforce and Sector Development Plan, the establishment of a DFSV Resource Centre will be progressed under Action Plan 2. The DFSV Resource Centre will develop, broker, deliver and coordinate DFSV training across the NT for government and non-government workers, to build consistent workforce capability, tailored to local needs. As outlined in the WSDP, the structure will be informed by a model outlining scope and recommended baseline DFSV training for universal and specialist services.	WSDP 1, 9, 10						4
		This links to Actions 4.1d, 4.1e, 4.6, 4.9.							

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Continuing		Continue to build workforce capability in DFV risk assessment and management, including for universal service	WSDP 6	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		workers	AP1 2.4a, 2.4b, 3.4d, 3.4e	AP1 funding					
		TFHC provides regular RAMF training across the NT, in partnership with NTCOSS. To date over 1000 workers have been trained.	DFV Justice Review SR 8, SR 17, SR 12				2	3	4
		This links to Actions 2.9 and 4.5.							
New		Build DFSV research capacity in the NT in order to strengthen the NT DFSV evidence base	AP1 2.2a	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Invest in, partner and establish research and data development projects on DFSV within the NT, to grow the evidence base and improve understanding of DFSV in the NT.	SVPRF 6.4						4
Continuing	4.8	Review and reform the Domestic and Family Violence Act and sexual offences legislation so that they provides a sound, responsive and accountable foundation for the service system	AP1 5.1a	Existing resources	AGD				
		Training in sexual violence identification and responses							4
		Develop sustainable and accessible training options for workers to identify and respond to children, young people and adults who experience sexual violence							
Continuing	4.9	Training in sexual violence identification and responses	SVPRF 4.1	Existing resources AP1 funding	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Develop sustainable and accessible training options for workers to identify and respond to children, young people and adults who experience sexual violence					2	3	4
Continuing	4.10	<b>Develop DFV practice and service standards for DFV specialist services, in partnership with specialist services</b> and those with lived experience of DFV, to support service-driven quality improvement, including an implementation process through Quality Assurance tools. This is linked to Action 4.14.	WSDP 4	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				4
Continuing	4.11	Sharing and Strengthening Our Practice biannual conference	WSDP 11	Existing resources AP1 funding	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		Continue the commitment to the biannual DFSV sector conference that will align with workforce development needs and prioritise a skills based focus.	AP1 5.5a						4
Continuing	4.12	Continue to support DFSV sector development through the NTCOSS DFSV Policy Officer Project and consider the	WSDP 12, 13, 17	Existing resources AP1 funding	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				4
		establishment of an NT DFSV peak.	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations						4
New	4.13	Align multi agency risk management approaches to DFSV between FSF, and Child Wellbeing and Safety Partnerships (formerly MACCST) under the RAMF.	DFV Justice Review SR 25	Existing resources	TFHC				4
Continuing	4.14	Introduce performance measures for service providers that reflect objectives of prevention, victim safety, and perpetrator accountability.	WSDP 4	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		TFHC is reviewing current contractual performance measures for service providers to ensure existing and new performance measures accurately address: DFSV prevention; victim survivor safety; accountability of people committing DFSV; service access and demand; integrated and effective service system. The performance measures will be aligned with the DFSV Framework MEAP. This is linked to Action 4.10.							4
Continuing	4.15	Support supervision & practice management support for specialist services	WSDP 7	Existing resources	TFHC (DFSV-ICRO)				
		DFSV services are supported to develop and maintain strong governance whereby organisational leaders understand and uphold their legal, industrial and contractual obligations through effective policies, procedures, standards, and organisational culture. This includes an organisational response to the developmental and occupational health and safety needs of workers, including prevention and management of vicarious trauma and burnout, effective professional development, and supervision frameworks.	AP2 and DFSV-ICRO consultations	AP1 funding					4

### **References**

- 1 A full list of the systemic reform recommendations made by the NT Department of the Attorney General and Justice in the Review of Legislation and the Justice Responses to DFV in the NT is available online
- 2, 3, 4, 5 This element is proposed to be funded through the Commonwealth's NPA, subject to Commonwealth approval of project plan.
- 6 Top End Women's Legal Service (2020), Women Incarcerated at Darwin Correctional Centre Advocating for and Shining a Light on Women Ordinarily Invisible at a Policy, Systems and Structural Level reported that the most common request made by women prisoners is for a specialist DFSV counsellor but they were unable to access a DFSV service in prison

#### "Tjulpu Wiltja Tjuta" (bird's nests), by Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara artists Iluwanti Ken and Mary Katajuku Pan.

"This is the story of the Patupiri (swallow) who is clever, knowledgeable and skilful. Patupiri builds a safe, strong nest to protect its family against the rain and predators. It uses sticks and branches to build a strong and secure shelter, finding and gathering grass, feathers and mud to make the nest warm and comfortable so that its babies can grow and develop." Tjala Arts

The swallows' nests expresses our vision for a future where women and children are safe, and families are supported to thrive. This work, like the basket making art across central Australia and Arnhem Land represents what it takes to make this happen. Innovation, cleverness, local knowledge and relationships, ways of sharing information and skills, helping and working together. These are essential if we are to reduce violence.

