

**National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Their Children  
Tasmanian Implementation Plan Consultative Group**

**TUESDAY 30 JULY 2013 – COMMUNIQUE**

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The second meeting of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children Tasmanian Implementation Plan Consultative Group (the Group) was held in Hobart on Tuesday 30 July 2013. The meeting was chaired by the Community Development Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) and comprised representatives from the following organisations:

- Department of Education
- Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts
- Department of Justice
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Local Government Association of Tasmania
- Migrant Resource Centre
- National Disability Services
- National Plan Implementation Panel Representative
- Tasmanian Council of Social Service
- Tasmanian Men's Health & Wellbeing
- The Tasmanian Women's Council
- Warrawee Women's Shelter
- WESNET
- Women's Karadi Aboriginal Corporations
- Women's Legal Service

DPAC delivered an update on the implementation of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (the Plan). The Plan is driven by a series of four three-year action plans, each accompanied by National and State implementation plans. Work is progressing well at the State level with a number of key actions implemented under the first three year Tasmanian implementation plan. A number of key projects are also being developed and delivered at the National level. Tasmania will soon launch two key strategies that will contribute to its implementation of the Plan:

- Taking Action: Tasmania's Primary Prevention Strategy to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2012-2022; and
- The Tasmanian Women's Plan 2013-2018

The policies are available on DPAC's website at [www.dpac.tas.gov.au/cdd](http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/cdd).

Work will begin shortly with DPAC and key stakeholders to develop Tasmania's three year implementation plan for the second National Action Plan - Moving Forward – 2013-2016.

Guest speakers Emeritus Professor Anne Edwards, Chair of the Board of the National Centre for Excellence to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children (the NCE) and Helen Edwards, CEO of the NCE, gave a presentation on the establishment of the NCE, and how the research agenda would be shaped going forward. The NCE will hold consultations with key stakeholders across Australia later in the year to help shape its research priorities.

Mark Green, the CEO of the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation (the TEYF), gave a presentation on the TEYF. The TEYF is a statutory body and its key activities include working with and training practitioners; bringing high profile speakers to Tasmania; raising awareness of issues affecting young children in Tasmania; and supporting data collection for key data projects such as Kids Come First. The TEYF has also funded the delivery of a parenting program in Child and Family Centres across Tasmania. Through equipping parents with key life and problem-solving skills, this program has strong linkages to the primary prevention agenda.

The Group will meet again in late 2013.

The *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010 – 2022*, *National Implementation Plan for the First Action Plan – Building a Strong Foundation 2010-2013* and other key supporting documents can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/women/programs-services/reducing-violence/the-national-plan-to-reduce-violence-against-women-and-their-children>