# Full Stop Australia 2025–2026 Pre-Budget Submission

# Investing in Safety.

NSW Sexual Violence Helpline provides free, 24/7 trauma-specialist support to anyone in NSW impacted by sexual violence



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My Country - Women's Ceremony by Bundjalung and Gomeroi/Euahlayi artist, Lee Anne Hall

Full Stop Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them, their cultures and their Elders past and present. We acknowledge the harms caused by colonisation, the

disproportionate number of First Nations people affected by sexual, domestic and family violence, and the far-reaching effects of that violence.

This always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

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## **About Full Stop Australia**

Full Stop Australia is a nationally focused not-for-profit organisation, which has been working in the field of sexual, domestic, and family violence since 1974. We perform the following functions:

- provide expert and confidential telephone, online and face-to-face counselling to people of all genders who have experienced sexual, domestic, or family violence, and specialist help for their supporters and those experiencing vicarious trauma
- conduct best practice training and professional services to support frontline workers, governments, and the corporate and not-forprofit sectors
- advocate to governments and in the media for laws and systems that better respond to, and ultimately prevent, gender-based violence

The NSW Sexual Violence Helpline, Full Stop Australia's longest running clinical helpline, marks its 50th year in 2024. Established in NSW in October 1974, it was the first funded rape crisis service in Australia and has operated continuously since then.

Funded by NSW Health, today the NSW Sexual Violence Helpline provides expert support to individuals impacted by sexual violence anywhere in NSW, from crisis intervention to medium- and long-term recovery and healing.

Our advocacy draws upon the expertise of our trauma-specialist counsellors, as well as the lived experience of over 730 survivor-advocates in Full Stop Australia's National Survivor Advocate Program (NSAP).

The NSAP gives survivor-advocates a platform to share their experiences to drive positive change—by accessing opportunities to tell their stores in the media, weigh in on Full Stop Australia's submissions to Government, and engage directly with Government.

We are committed to centring the voices of victim-survivors in our work, and advocating for laws and systems that genuinely meet their needs.



# **About this Submission: Investing in Safety**

This pre-budget submission recommends two evidence-based, high-impact investments in safety from sexual violence.

Firstly, we recommend investment in a pilot program of Sexual Violence Justice Navigators. Justice Navigators are dedicated support people who assist victim-survivors of sexual violence to navigate the justice system, make informed choices between justice options, and access key services. Justice Navigators would help address disproportionately low reporting rates for sexual violence, as well as high attrition rates from the justice system and poor experiences among victim-survivors who engage with that system.

Secondly, we recommend piloting a targeted training and support initiative for nightlife venues in Sydney's CBD, focused on preventing and responding to sexual violence. Data from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) demonstrates that sexual violence in licensed venues is prevalent and on the rise.

Specialist training and support would ensure venues have the skills and resources to keep staff and patrons safe, support vibrant nightlife, and align with the NSW Government's strategy for preventing violence, Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028.

# INVEST

\$4.7 million

Over 2 years to develop a Sexual Violence Justice Navigator Pilot Program, to support victim-survivors in their engagement with the justice system and accessing key services.

\$250k

For specialist sexual violence prevention and response training and accreditation for licensed venues in Sydney's CBD, supporting safe and vibrant nightlife.

The impacts of sexual violence are greatest for victim-survivors. But sexual violence also imposes a significant cost burden on the health and mental health systems, community safety and the justice system, and economic participation. As well as making NSW a safer place, investment in sexual violence prevention and response would also alleviate costs elsewhere in the budget.

#### The Scale of Sexual Violence



Reported sexual violence is at a

31-YEAR HIGH

in Australia

1in 5 women

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have experienced sexual violence since the age of 15 <sup>2</sup>

Reported Sexual Assaults in NSW increased 2024

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42%

in 5 years since 2019

and

## 15 out of 15

Greater Sydney regions saw an increase in 10-year trends of sexual assault 4



#### The Cost of Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is a pervasive and worsening problem for NSW, with severe and far-reaching consequences.



Preventable health care expenses



Reduced workforce participation



Mental health impacts and increased risk of suicidality



Strain on families, relationships and community cohesion



Cost of attrition and discontinued prosecution



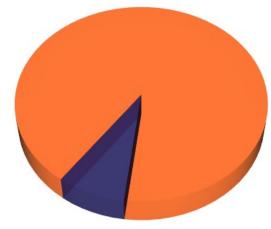
Eroding community trust in legal processes

# NSW Sexual Violence Justice Navigator Pilot Program.



#### **Challenges Accessing Justice and Support**

**92%** of sexual violence is not reported to police <sup>5</sup>



Reasons identified for not contacting police after most recent sexual assault: 6



Felt they would not be believed (25%)



Did not think police could do anything (28.5%)



Fearful of legal processes (13%)

Analysis of sexual assault matters reported to NSW police in 2018 found 85% of matters resulted in no legal action 7



No legal action taken by police (85%)

Only 7% of reported sexual assault incidents resulted in a conviction 8



Convictions in NSW (7%)



## What are Sexual Violence Justice Navigators?

Sexual Violence Justice Navigators are dedicated support people who assist victim-survivors of sexual violence to navigate the often-complex aftermath of violence.

Sexual Violence Justice Navigators can help victim-survivors decide between multiple recovery and justice options, exercise their rights, better understand the criminal justice process, liaise with agencies and services, and access support and compensation. Sexual Violence Justice Navigators have been available in England and Wales since 2007.

In those jurisdictions, Sexual Violence Justice Navigators are generally trained social workers or counsellors, who can provide wraparound support and assistance navigating complex processes, both inside and outside the justice system.

## Sexual Violence Justice Navigators can support victim-survivors of sexual violence by:

Providing timely information about justice options and processes.

For example, how to access a forensic medical examination and reporting options.

- Linking victims with necessary services, such as medical, legal, housing and counselling, and acting as a liaison point with those services.
- Reducing emotional and administrative burden on survivors, by liaising with actors in the justice system such as police and prosecutors.
- Providing victim-survivors with tailored support and safety planning that isn't tied to any one legal pathway or outcome, recognising that all victim-survivors have different needs.
- Providing support to the families and loved ones of victim-survivors.

- Supporting victims to exercise their rights.
  For example, applying for compensation and counselling through the Victims Support Scheme.
- Addressing issues that could cause victim-survivors to disengage from support services.
- Supporting victim-survivors to deal with disruptions caused to their relationships, work, education and daily life.
- Acting as a single source of information, advocacy and care coordination, thereby reducing confusion and disempowerment among victim-survivors of sexual violence.
- Sexual Violence Justice Navigators can provide support along the recovery spectrum—from before a report to police, to after criminal proceedings have concluded.

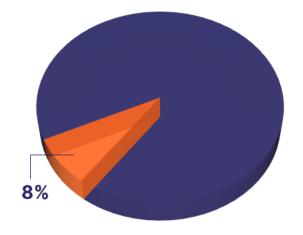
In jurisdictions where Sexual Violence Justice Navigators are available, they have been transformative at empowering victim-survivors to make informed choices and reducing rates of attrition from the justice system.<sup>10</sup>

By walking alongside victim-survivors of sexual violence, Sexual Violence Justice Navigators reduce harm and retraumatisation from the justice system and provide victim-survivors with a sense of control, agency and choice.

# Problems Sexual Violence Justice Navigators would help to address

There is extensive evidence that justice systems across Australia aren't working as they should to address sexual violence.

**Sexual violence remains vastly underreported.** The latest ABS data on sexual violence shows that only 8% of women who were sexually assaulted by a male perpetrator in the ten years leading up to the survey ever reported to police.<sup>11</sup>



Convictions for sexual violence are extremely rare, meaning the overwhelming majority of perpetrators of these serious crimes are never held to account.

Recent NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) analysis found that only 15% of sexual assault cases reported to NSW Police resulted in legal action commencing, and even fewer (7%) resulted in conviction.<sup>12</sup>



Matters in which legal action was taken by NSW police (15%)

Victim-survivors of sexual violence feel disempowered and retraumatised by the justice system. Victim-survivors who reported sexual violence to police or went to Court have told us they lacked agency, choice and support, were made to feel like they were the ones on trial, and that the justice system failed to deliver them justice.

Victims need to feel a level of agency in the justice system process. They need to feel empowered. They need to feel like they have choice and understanding of what's happening, not like it's happening to them.

Full Stop Australia NSAP Survivor-Advocate

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The legal system has
a responsibility to
ensure violent crime has
consequences and that
people are held [accountable]
for those crimes. To fail in
that... protect[s abusers] and
enable[s] violence. I refuse to
call this institution the justice
system. There is no justice to
be found here.

Full Stop Australia NSAP Survivor-Advocate

People who have experienced sexual violence are also impacted by barriers accessing recovery services.

Many victim-survivors report **not knowing what support services are available**.

Full Stop Australia surveyed 40 members of our NSAP in June 2024, regarding their experiences seeking support and navigating the justice system following sexual violence. 73% of survey respondents reported that they did not find enough information to help them decide how and where to seek support after experiencing sexual violence.<sup>13</sup>



Survivors who did not find enough information following an assault (73%)

There are long wait times to access specialist Sexual Assault Services and private mental health support is not accessible to many.



Victim-survivors seeking support at specialist Sexual Assault Services in NSW are faced with wait times of between six and 12 months.<sup>14</sup>

Victim-survivors also experience challenges accessing counselling support through the private mental health system—most private psychologists don't deliver sexual violence-specialist support, the system is inaccessible to many due to cost, as well as being complex to navigate and opaque.

Introducing a pilot scheme for Sexual Violence Justice Navigators in NSW would address the above challenges, by helping people who have experienced sexual violence navigate the justice system and get linked into support services. Improving victim-survivors' experience of, and sense of safety in,

the justice system is one way to address persistent attrition rates, while the support of dedicated Justice Navigators would ensure victim-survivors don't slip through the cracks when trying to access recovery services.

#### **The Proposed Pilot Scheme**

Full Stop Australia proposes that the NSW Government invest in a two-year Sexual Violence Justice Navigator Pilot Scheme. Subject to evaluation, there may be scope for extension and expansion of the scheme.

## A Model that Incorporates Legal and System Navigation Support

To be most effective, a justice navigation service model would draw on the expertise of both a caseworker and a legal adviser. These professionals would jointly support victim-survivors to engage with the justice system, make informed decisions about their legal options, and access necessary support.

The model outlined below foresees a 'team' approach to justice navigation, whereby Sexual Violence Justice Navigator teams have combined legal and social work expertise.

#### **Initial Pilot Locations**

The scheme could be linked to five police stations in NSW—with victim-survivors who disclose sexual offending at those locations being connected with a Sexual Violence Justice Navigator team. This would enable people to be referred to

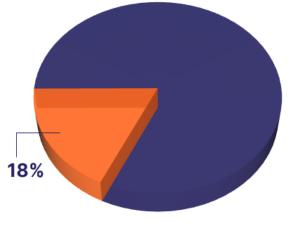
system navigation support from their first entry into the justice system.

We estimate that a pilot scheme linked to five police stations would enable hundreds of people to be served each year.

BOCSAR data on sexual assault incidents recorded by NSW Police gives some indication of the reach the scheme could have. Between July 2023 and June 2024, BOCSAR statistics show that of 10,036 total incidents, 1,777 incidents of sexual assault were recorded by NSW Police in five local government areas: <sup>15</sup>

- Blacktown
- Lake Macquarie
- Newcastle
- Canterbury-Bankstown
- Sydney

18% of reported sexual assaults too place in 5 NSW LGA's between July 2023 and June 2024 16



## Referrals to Sexual Violence Justice Navigators

The process for linking victim-survivors with Justice Navigator teams could draw on learnings from the delivery of the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS) scheme. Under that scheme, victim-survivors are linked with a specialist worker through a warm referral process within 24 hours.

Similarly, under the proposed Sexual Violence Justice Navigator pilot, victim-survivors who disclose sexual violence at a pilot location could be paired with a Justice Navigator team through a warm referral process within 24 hours.

It is important that referrals can be made after hours—noting that many people report sexual violence outside usual business hours.

## **Sexual Violence Justice Navigator workforce**

Full Stop Australia considers that under the proposed Pilot Scheme, Justice Navigators should be based within the specialist sexual violence sector. This mirrors the position in England and Wales, where Sexual Violence Justice Navigators sit within sexual assault referral centres and rape crisis centres (i.e. services like Full Stop Australia).8 This is also the case for a Justice Navigator pilot program announced by the Victorian Government earlier this year, under which Justice Navigators are expected to be placed in the specialist sexual violence sector.

Full Stop Australia would be well-placed to deliver a Sexual Violence Justice Navigator pilot scheme, and there are many advantages to locating the workforce for such a scheme within an organisation like Full Stop Australia:

- ▶ We have a longstanding history of supporting victim-survivors through justice processes.
- ▶ The work of Justice Navigators requires a sexual violence-specialist and trauma-informed approach, which Full Stop Australia is wellplaced to deliver.
- ▶ Full Stop Australia also has the necessary expertise to lead in the recruitment and training of a specialist Justice Navigator workforce.
- ▶ Finally, placement of Justice Navigators in the sexual violence sector—within an organisation like Full Stop Australia—would ensure seamless delivery of therapeutic support alongside justice navigation.

## **Evaluation and possible extension of the Pilot Scheme**

The effectiveness of the Pilot should be evaluated in consultation with key stakeholders, after which, the Government could consider extending the scheme and expanding access to it. This might include expanding access to more Police Area Commands or enabling colocation of Justice Navigators with police at police stations.

#### **Cost to Deliver a Pilot Scheme**

A two-year Sexual Violence Justice Navigator pilot scheme could be delivered for \$4.7 million over two years.

Full Stop Australia welcomes the opportunity to work with the NSW Government and key stakeholders regarding the precise design, costing and delivery of a pilot scheme.

## This investment would cover the cost of:

- Building a specialist workforce, through targeted recruitment, engagement of staff and workforce development.
- Delivery of legal information.
- Community education and promotion of the service.
- Service evaluation, to allow the Government to make an informed decision about whether and how it should be continued.

**Total:** (over 2 years)

\$4.7 million

# Rationale for a NSW Sexual Violence Justice Navigator Pilot Scheme

#### An evidence-based scheme

The benefits of a Sexual Violence Justice Navigator Pilot Scheme include:

- ▶ Helping to reduce attrition rates for sexual violence matters in the justice system.
- Improving the experience of sexual violence complainants in the justice system.
- Ensuring victims of sexual crimes are supported to access key supports and recover from trauma.
- ▶ Ensuring victims of sexual crimes are informed about their legal options and feel a sense of agency as they engage with the legal process.
- Providing better support to diverse populations. This model has the potential to assist with the provision of culturally responsive support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, through a focus on recruiting First Nations system navigators. Similarly, recruitment of system navigators from the LGBTQ+ community, from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and with disability would increase support available to victim-survivors from these priority populations.

Sexual Violence Justice Navigators have been found to positively impact the experience of sexual violence complainants in the justice system, and the administration of justice:

 An independent review of the criminal justice system in England and Wales observed that, as

'an example of a reform to a system that is effective, cost-effective and affordable, the establishment of [Justice Navigators] is hard to beat.' <sup>17</sup>



Justice Navigators were also found to be

'one of the key reforms that improves support of victims.' 18

A review of case files from over 500 rape cases in England found a strong link between access to support navigating the justice system and criminal justice outcomes. Cases where a person received support from specialist services were significantly more likely to be deemed a crime, result in charge and almost twice as likely to result in a conviction than cases where a person did not.

They were 42 per cent less likely to result in police taking 'no further action' and 49 per cent were less likely to withdraw from the process than people who did not receive specialist support. <sup>19</sup>

A survey by the Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales also found a promising link between support and attrition, with only 10 per cent of those who received justice navigation support choosing to take no further action or withdrawing from the criminal system, compared to 20 per cent of those who did not have support.' 20

## A scheme that meets victim-survivors' needs

Victim-survivors of sexual violence in Full Stop Australia's NSAP have consistently expressed how useful they would have found the support of Sexual Violence Justice Navigators. For example, victim-survivors in the NSAP told us that they would have benefited from the following support while navigating the justice system:

Case management
through the system, working
collaboratively with Prosecutors/
Police, and advocating for the
victim survivor. Free and trauma
informed.

A support person who is with you from the start to the finish.... Who advocates on your behalf.

Government funded services that provide support to people wishing to report to police, including information about the whole legal process.

## Alignment with NSW Government strategic priorities

Investment in Sexual Violence Justice Navigators would support the NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027, which identifies the following as focus areas for 2022-2027:

- increasing access to holistic, trauma-informed and accessible support services
- increasing perpetrator accountability
- strengthening survivor-centred, trauma-informed justice responses

#### The time is now

Introducing a Sexual Violence Justice Navigator Pilot Scheme in NSW would align with initiatives and processes occurring elsewhere in Australia.

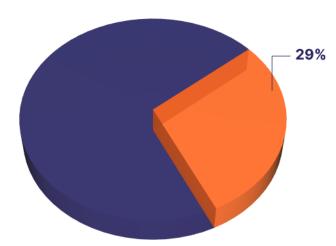
- The Australian Law Reform Commission, which is due to report on options for strengthening justice system responses to sexual violence in January 2025, is considering how Justice Navigators might improve victim-survivors' experience of the justice system. And in May 2024, the Victorian Government committed to introducing Sexual Violence Justice Navigators in Victoria, as part of its Changing Laws and Culture to Save Women's Lives funding package.
- Piloting Sexual Violence Justice Navigators would give the NSW Government the opportunity to take the lead on an initiative proven to be an effective response to the crisis of sexual violence.

# Investing in Safe and Vibrant Sydney Nightlife.

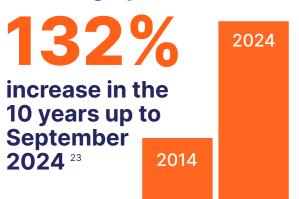


#### **Prevalence of Sexual Violence in Nightlife**

29% of face-to-face sexual harassment toward women occurs at a place of entertainment or recreation like a nightclub, pub or restaurant <sup>21</sup>



Reported Drink Spiking incidents in NSW are trending upwards, with a



## 1 in every 4

sexual offences in NSW licensed venues between September 2023 and 2024 occurred in a venue in the Sydney LGA <sup>22</sup>



1 in 4 sexual offenses in NSW licensed venues as at September 2024 happened in CBD venues (25%)

# 372 offenders

convicted of a sexual offence inside a NSW pub or club in 2022-2023 24

## A place-based approach to sexual violence prevention

We recommend funding access to culturally transformative sexual violence prevention and response training, and dedicated support, for venues in the Sydney CBD.

This initiative aligns with the NSW Government's primary prevention strategy, Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028, which recognises that

"local communities present opportunities for place-based approaches to primary prevention that are tailored to the unique characteristics of local areas."

There is compelling evidence that greater investment in nightlife safety is badly needed. BOCSAR data shows that sexual offences in licensed venues are on the rise. And reporting this year has identified widespread sexual violence within a nightlife industry that regularly condones, normalises or ignores this conduct.

## 1 in every 4

sexual offences in NSW licensed venues between September 2023 and 2024 occurred in a venue in the Sydney LGA <sup>25</sup>

# The sexual violence prevention program: "Good Night Out"

Good Night Out is a specialised nightlife safety program, which supports licensed venues with policy consultancy, training development and delivery, and ongoing support on how to tackle and prevent sexual harassment and assault.

The Good Night Out program engages all levels of staff, equipping them to identify and understand the drivers of sexual violence, hold perpetrators accountable, create environments where harassment is not tolerated, and refer victim-survivors to appropriate support.

Good Night Out Campaign is on a mission for safer nightlife. We believe nights out should be about fun and freedom, not fear.

Full Stop Australia is trained and licensed to deliver the Good Night Out program in Australia. As a trauma-informed sexual violence frontline service, Full Stop Australia's delivery of the Good Night Out program is underpinned by expertise in trauma and the longer-term impacts of sexual violence.

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We believe licensed venues create vibrant and exciting communities. Like all strong communities, licensed venues must be clear about their values in ending harassment, assault, and all forms of violence. Good Night Out can support venues to create spaces where:

- Policies are widely known to patrons, meaning low-level issues are more likely to be reported, so staff can deal with them before they escalate.
- Patrons have more avenues for reporting and feel more secure doing so, due to knowledge of procedures and acceptable behaviour.
- All forms of 'ambient' discrimination, such as sexist language, which are proven to be drivers of gendered violence, are challenged.
- All forms of sexual violence are addressed safely and in a trauma-informed way.

#### Why invest in safe nightlife?

## To address a culture of widespread, persistent sexual violence

Currently, nightlife is an extremely high-risk space for sexual violence. An investment in sexual violence prevention training and support is needed to drive transformative cultural change in the nightlife industry—to make sexual violence an anomaly, rather than the norm.

Given the current scale of sexual violence in nightlife, training and support needs to be more than a rubber-stamp exercise. While we support the NSW Government's announced changes to the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training course to include sexual violence prevention training, this alone will not address widespread sexual violence. The RSA is a brief course that does not provide ongoing support to venues, or drive the transformative cultural change needed to make nightlife safer.

This is problematic, given the evidence shows that a significant number of business owners are not aware of their legal obligations to prevent sexual violence and harassment in the workplace.

of workplace leaders are not aware of their legal obligations to prevent workplace sexual harassment <sup>26</sup>

## To achieve safety-focused cultural change

For safety-focused cultural change in nightlife to occur, more venues need access to the Good Night Out training program, rather than it being limited to individual, opt-in participation.

NSW Government investment in the delivery of the Good Night Out training program for multiple venues in the Sydney CBD would increase safety across a high-risk precinct.

This proposal recommends targeting Sydney CBD venues because data demonstrates the CBD is a particularly high-risk space for sexual violence. BOCSAR data shows that, of all the sexual offences that occurred in a licensed venue in NSW in the 2022-2023 financial year, one in four took place in a Sydney CBD venue.

# Reported Drink Spiking incidents in NSW are trending upwards, with a

132%
increase in the 10 years up to September 2024 27 2014

## **To support NSW Government strategic priorities**

This investment in nightlife safety would support and complement the NSW Government's primary prevention strategy, Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024–2028.

Funding the delivery of the Good Night Out training program to nightlife venues in the Sydney CBD aligns with this strategy by targeting a key social setting where people gather, socialise, and form relationships. By implementing placebased, evidence-driven initiatives in the high-risk nightlife space, the Government can influence cultural attitudes, promote respect, and create safer environments, contributing to broader efforts to prevent sexual violence across the community.

An investment in nightlife safety would also support the following NSW Government strategic plans and initiatives:

▶ The NSW Government's Safer Cities Program, which aims to improve perceptions of safety in our cities and towns, particularly for women, girls and gender diverse people. This program aims to increase women and girls' safety and access to public spaces, enable women and girls to move freely and alone in their community, and increase women and girls' engagement with how the spaces around them are designed and managed.

- ▶ The NSW 24-Hour Economy Strategy, which aims to create diverse and vibrant precincts, foster a safe and inclusive night-time economy, encourage collaboration between state government, local council, businesses and community sectors, and support precincts to achieve excellent night-time management.
- ► The NSW 24-Hour Commissioner's Purple Flag Accreditation Scheme, which aims to make nighttime precincts better by setting higher standards for safety, inclusivity and enjoyment.

## To support an evidence-based initiative

Evidence shows that investing in a placebased approach to nightlife safety can deliver transformative results.

In 2021, Full Stop Australia delivered the Good Night Out training program to venues across the City of Melbourne. This initiative was supported by \$193,000 funding from the Victorian Government, which enabled broad buy-in across a popular nightlife precinct.

#### 252 participants from 20 licensed venues within the City of Melbourne participated



Evaluation of this training program was conducted by the University of Melbourne, which found that it delivered positive results. Among other things, the University of Melbourne found that after receiving Good Night Out training, staff were more comfortable raising issues with their manager, had a greater sense of responsibility for addressing sexual violence, and a better understanding of risks and barriers to reporting sexual violence.

## Proposed investment in nightlife safety

We request an investment of \$250,000 to deliver the Good Night Out training program to licensed venues across the Sydney CBD.

Full Stop Australia welcomes the opportunity to work with the NSW Government and key stakeholders regarding the implementation and evaluation of this critical initiative.

## This investment would fund:

- A Town Hall-style summit for participating venues and other stakeholders, to inform attendees about the Good Night Out program. The summit would provide an opportunity to bring together key stakeholders in the nighttime economy, sexual and gender-based violence, LGBTQIA+ and youth community sectors, and Government.
- Night Out training program to up to 25 venues in the Sydney CBD.
- Evaluation of the impact of the Good Night Out program on nightlife safety in the Sydney CBD.

Total:

\$250k

#### **Conclusion**

Thank you for considering Full Stop Australia's pre-budget submission.

Investing in nightlife safety and Sexual Violence Justice Navigators will help protect individuals from sexual violence, provide better support to victim-survivors, and overall, create a safer, more inclusive community.

The need for urgent, transformative change to combat sexual violence is clear, and these investments are essential to building a society where everyone can feel safe, supported, and empowered.

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For specialist sexual violence prevention and response training and accreditation for licensed venues in Sydney's CBD, supporting safe and vibrant nightlife.

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