

# PUTTING A FULL STOP TO SEXUAL, DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.

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## Remembering the lives lost to domestic violence homicide.

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Today [May 7] is National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day, marked by candlelight vigils all over the country commemorating the lives of people murdered in domestic and family violence related homicides.

On average, a woman dies every 7 days because of domestic and family violence. Over the last three years there has been a nearly 30% increase in the number of women killed in domestic and family violence related homicides.

The team at Full Stop Australia extend our heartfelt solidarity to the loved ones left behind in the aftermath of DFV homicide and acknowledge the deep, and unique loss behind every news story or statistic.

Full Stop Australia supports a collective of family members who have lost their loved ones to domestic and family violence homicide. This group engages in advocacy work with government and decision makers to address gaps in systems that respond to violence and support loved ones after a homicide occurs.

*“On this important day, families who have lost someone ask that you light a candle in memory of all those women and children who we have lost to domestic violence. Remembrance is not just about honoring the past; it is about the future. In our loved one's name we demand justice for those who are silenced, and accountability in a system where there are giant chasms that are costing lives. No other family should have to bear this devastating loss.”* said Kylie, on behalf of Australian Voices for the Silenced.

The Missing and Murdered First Nations Women and Children Report further highlights disproportionate impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are eight times more likely to be victims of homicide.

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Domestic, family and sexual violence remains a national crisis in Australia. This is not normal, and we know that these forms of violence are preventable.

"We are losing way too many women and children every year to this horrific experience and as a community we have to say no." said Full Stop Australia CEO, Karen Bevan.

Full Stop Australia remains committed to preventing violence from occurring, responding to violence, supporting victim-survivors in their recovery and holding perpetrators accountable.

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