

PRESS RELEASE

Sexual assault is not just an education problem

Full Stop Australia has written to the Premier this week ahead of crisis talks with school sector leaders, asking instead for a whole-of-community response to sexual violence in New South Wales.

What we are hearing this week is women and girls telling us they feel unsafe and silenced. Victim-survivors are calling us to say their own memories are playing on repeat while they try to go about their day.

We support consent and respectful relationships education, and the Government's affirmative consent reforms were nation leading. But young people leave the school gates and go back into families, workplaces and communities where these conversations are not welcome, where attitudes toward women and girls still rely on rape myths, and where victim-survivors rarely get what they need from the systems meant to protect them.

This moment calls us to focus on prevention, and it asks us to stop and listen to victim-survivors and make sure that services are available to support them.

Karen Bevan, our CEO, is available to talk.

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Full Stop Australia operates the NSW Sexual Violence Helpline.

Anyone in NSW impacted by sexual violence can access 24/7, free and confidential, trauma-specialist counselling.

We believe you. You are not alone. Help is available.

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