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Sexual Violence Reform Inquiry Report Lands: Key Recommendations Welcome, Resourcing Will Be Key to Change

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Today the Attorney General, Hon Mark Dreyfus, tabled the Australian Law Reform Commission’s Final Report into Justice Responses to Sexual Violence to parliament and announced a \$21.4 million package over 3 years to support key recommendations. Full Stop Australia welcomes the scope of the report, and in particular, recommendations for safe, informed and supported services.

Resources announced by the federal government are welcome, but more is needed to fully implement key recommendations of the ALRC.

We support the expansion of the independent legal representation trial projects to all jurisdictions, and extension for a further 3 years.

Full Stop Australia made a [comprehensive submission](#) to the ALRC Inquiry in June 2024, which made more than 40 recommendations. Many of our key recommendations have been reflected in the report.

“A first pass review of the more than 600-page report shows strong support for many of the recommendations made by Full Stop Australia, along with many colleagues in the specialist sexual violence sector. Justice system navigation, access to independent legal representation for victim-survivors and stronger accountability for police investigation and decision making are critical for supporting lasting change.” said CEO, Karen Bevan.

Embedding training on trauma, the dynamics of sexual violence and culturally safe practice for all actors in policing, courts and the legal system is critical. This must be driven by lived experience and supported by specialist sexual assault services. The perpetuation of rape myths continues to be a retraumatising element of sexual violence proceedings for many victim-survivors.

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"Initiatives to improve data collection, monitoring and reporting on sexual violence and the response of police and the legal system are critical." said CEO, Karen Bevan.

We are pleased to see the extension of the Lived Experience Expert Advisory Group established by the Attorney General's department. It is critical that the next steps in the implementation of these recommendations are led by lived expertise. We acknowledge the important work they have done and thank them for their commitment.

We know the legal system is not fit for purpose in responding to sexual violence and urgent change is needed. Full Stop Australia urges Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments to act quickly on this report and drive change in every jurisdiction.

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