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PRESS RELEASE

Full Stop Australia Welcomes National Cabinet Announcements and Urges Further Reform

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Notes to Editors:

- 1. The contents of this press release can be used as quotes attributable to Full Stop Australia CEO, Karen Bevan.**

The announcements by the Prime Minister today following a meeting of the National Cabinet are an important step in the right direction – we will always support reform that increases safety and agency for victim-survivors. These are good first steps and we encourage the government to go much further.

Full Stop Australia CEO, Karen Bevan, said “These announcements are a step in the right direction, although we would like to see the government go further. Full Stop Australia is ready to work alongside government to scale up response and healing initiatives, in support of ending gender-based violence.”

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“We welcome ongoing funding for the Leaving Violence Program. This program puts resources directly in the hands of women and children leaving violence, supports healing and recovery and provides victim-survivors with an opportunity to re-establish their independence.”, said Bevan.

The digital and online world is a hugely unregulated and often dangerous space, particularly for young people, given the rise of AI-generated deepfakes and the ease with which violent and harmful material can be accessed. It is important that government act to protect young people, through robust classification and age verification technology. We welcome announcements that aim to increase these protections.

Sharing data and information across jurisdictions is a key part of managing risk, given how mobile we are as a nation. Monitoring high risk offenders must be at the forefront of this effort.

Announcements from national Cabinet are a good start – there is much more to do and we look forward to continuing to work with government and the sector to see continued and increased investment in the infrastructure that will prevent, respond and create pathways for recovery for victim-survivors.

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