

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

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## PRESS RELEASE.

### Federal Budget Misses Opportunity to Address Gendered Violence Crisis.

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Notes to Editors: The contents of this press release can be used as quotes attributable to Full Stop Australia CEO, Karen Bevan.

The scale of the national emergency has not been matched by the scale of the federal government's investment in this budget.

Two weeks ago we were talking about a national emergency and the need for a comprehensive investment in women's safety. From that we saw and acknowledged some important first steps. But that is where progress stopped. This budget has failed to continue driving important and necessary change.

There is no new funding for frontline services, particularly for specialist sexual violence services. There are huge funding gaps across response and recovery programs, which is where the critical work is done providing support to victim-survivors.

If we want to end gender-based violence, we need to see more than tweaks to existing programs. This national emergency will persist unless the federal government invests in front line services and responses.

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