

# COMPARE THE MAJOR PARTIES COMMITMENTS TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE

Living a life free from violence is everyone's right. Yet, too many women continue to be killed and seriously injured at the hands of an intimate partner.

Community legal centres are at the forefront of keeping women and their children safe. Early legal support can help women escape violent relationships safely. Legal help after a woman escapes a violent relationship allows her to thrive – to unravel often complex financial abuse and to set up a new home.

This Federal Election we want to see more support for women and their children escaping family violence.

We call on all parties to support a holistic approach to prevent family violence. Here are the commitments so far:

## LIBERAL COALITION

**\$328 MILLION** FOR PREVENTION AND FRONTLINE SERVICES\* including:

- ▼ \$82 million for **frontline services**, including free training for health workers and development of national standards for sexual assault
- ▼ \$68 million for **prevention strategies**
- ▼ \$78 million for **more emergency shelters** for families and to fund programs to keep women and children safe in their homes
- ▼ \$35 million in **support and prevention measure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities**
- ▼ \$64 million for **1800RESPECT**
- ▼ Introduced new minimum standard of **5 days unpaid family and domestic violence leave**

\* announced as part of Budget 2019-20

## LABOR

**OVER \$660 MILLION** FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION, FRONTLINE SERVICES, EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION AND LEGAL SERVICES

Labor has committed to double the Liberal's investment for family violence, including:

- ▼ \$42.5 million for **community legal centres** across Australia to provide legal and related help to people experiencing family violence
- ▼ \$21 million to double the number of Specialist Domestic Violence Units and **Health Justice partnerships** that provide specialist support
- ▼ \$21.5 million for **Family Violence Prevention Legal Services** vital legal assistance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women experiencing family violence
- ▼ \$62 million for **Local Community Prevention and Frontline Service Grants**
- ▼ \$138 million for **refuges**, with \$20 million for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing
- ▼ \$88 million Safe Housing Fund.
- ▼ Funding for **25 Family Violence Specialists in Centrelink**
- ▼ Commitment to **10 days paid domestic violence leave** as part of the National Employment Standards