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to Reduce Violence against Women & their Children

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ANROWS welcomes new National Plan

The Commonwealth today released the new *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022–2032* (the National Plan), setting out a decade-long strategy to end violence against women and children. As Australia's independent national research organisation for women's safety, ANROWS welcomes the ambitious and timely agenda for "ending gender-based violence in one generation".

ANROWS CEO, Padma Raman PSM, said the new plan recognises the ongoing agility required to address the widespread issue of violence against women and children and praised the incorporation of research published by ANROWS since the introduction of its first research program in 2014.

"As our culture and context changes, our approaches to and understanding of gender-based violence must change, too. The new National Plan incorporates what we have learned through the COVID-19 pandemic, what research has shown us about technology-facilitated abuse, and the absolute centrality of an intersectional understanding of diverse women's experiences."

ANROWS has been at the forefront of the shifting understanding of children and young people's experiences of domestic and family violence. The new National Plan's approach to children and young people is responsive to the findings of ANROWS's core research program and recognises the need for a national response to young people's experiences.

"Children and young people's experiences of domestic and family violence differs from their parents', in terms of their impacts and outcomes on their health and wellbeing. The new National Plan acknowledges the importance of young people's experiences and voices in designing effective programs and responses," said Ms Raman.

ANROWS's role in implementing the new National Plan is to continue to build a comprehensive, thorough and intersectional evidence base. Ms Raman noted:

"ANROWS was founded under the first National Plan to guide and strengthen Australian research on violence against women and their children. As the only independent research organisation in Australia, our body of work is unique, and we are proud to continue to build the evidence base this country needs to end violence against women and children within a generation."

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About ANROWS

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Limited (<u>ANROWS</u>) is a not-for-profit independent national research organisation.

ANROWS is an initiative of *Australia's National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010–2022*. ANROWS was established by the Commonwealth and all state and territory governments of Australia to produce, disseminate and assist in applying evidence for policy and practice addressing violence against women and their children.

ANROWS is the only such research organisation in Australia.