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## MEDIA RELEASE

### ANROWS invests in six more projects to tackle domestic and family violence perpetration

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS) is pleased to announce a further \$1.49 million investment in six additional projects, advancing research on understanding domestic and family violence perpetration.

This additional investment, delivered through the National Priority Research Fund, builds on the previous \$2 million investment announced by ANROWS in June 2024, increasing the total number of projects aimed at understanding domestic and family violence perpetration from eight to fourteen. This initiative supports the National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032 and targets priority areas identified in Australia's National Research Agenda 2023-2028.

The projects will focus on engaging sectors beyond those that specialise in family, domestic and sexual violence, including health and education as well as engaging LGBTQIA+ communities. The selected projects are drawn from a diverse range of universities and sites of innovation, including Burnet Institute, University of Melbourne, Monash University, La Trobe University, RMIT University (dually funded by the NSW Women's Safety Commissioner), and Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak.

One of the newly selected projects is led by First Nations researchers, bringing the total number of projects under the National Priority Research Fund run by First Nations researchers to three. These new projects will be delivered by the end of June 2026.

The investment for these new projects is being funded through the additional \$4.3 million in funding announced by the Australian Government in May 2024 to further ANROWS efforts to expand the evidence base for pathways into and out of perpetration of family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia.

**Dr Tessa Boyd-Caine, CEO at ANROWS** said: "Ending violence is a shared responsibility that requires the involvement of all sectors. This additional investment allows us to expand our research to new areas and address the complex and multifaceted nature of violence. By doing so, we can ensure a lasting, safer future for all women and children and prevent violence across generations."

**Hon Justine Elliot MP, Assistant Minister for Social Services and the Prevention of Family Violence**, said: "This significant investment underscores the Australian Government's commitment to reducing family, domestic, and sexual violence. Supporting research into perpetrator behaviour and the drivers of violence is crucial to implementing effective prevention and intervention solutions. We are proud to support ANROWS in this essential work and look forward to the positive impact these projects will have."

For more information on the selected projects, visit our website: <https://www.anrows.org.au/people-who-use-violence-research-program/>

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## **About ANROWS**

Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Limited (ANROWS) 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.