

# Media Release

**Fiona Richardson MP**

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence  
Minister for Women



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## **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING BOOST**

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, Fiona Richardson, today announced \$50,000 funding for the Women's Health Association of Victoria to help prevent family violence.

The Association will use the money to deliver local initiatives and develop useful resources in a bid to prevent violence before it occurs.

Minister Richardson announced the funding at the launch of a new online guide developed by Women's Health Victoria.

The Equality and Safety for Women Guide is for Victoria's Women's Health Services, local government, community organisations, businesses, schools, statewide and peak bodies, to support primary prevention efforts.

Victoria's nine metropolitan and rural women's health services are already using the Guide which includes information, evidence, tools, resources and best-practice examples.

The guide is available at <http://equalityandsafetyforwomen.org.au/the-guide/> alternatively via Women's Health service's websites.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, Fiona Richardson**

"The Equality and Safety for Women Guide is one of a number of initiatives leading regional action to prevent men's violence against women before it occurs."

"The Victorian Government is committed to preventing and responding to family violence. The contribution of funding to WHAV to continue this work is part of the Government's 2015-16 State Budget which delivered an \$81.3 million package over five years to prevent violence against women and children, respond to family violence and strengthen perpetrator accountability."

### **Quotes attributable to Women's Health Victoria Executive Director, Rita Butera**

"Women's Health Services are at the forefront of leadership in family violence prevention. The development of the Equality and Safety For Women Guide builds on years of expertise in raising awareness about the link between family violence, gender inequality and poor health outcomes for women"