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Budget initiatives encouraging for women's health

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Women's Health Victoria welcomes the Victorian Government's 2015/16 state budget. We congratulate the government on a number of positive initiatives including funding for the Family Violence Royal Commission and the provision of funding to help family violence services meet overwhelming demand in 2015/16.

"We look forward to working with the Royal Commission to strengthen the family violence system, and in particular to develop a comprehensive primary prevention strategy that addresses the root causes of violence against women. This further investment will stop violence from happening in the first place" said Rita Butera, WHV Executive Director.

We are also pleased to see the Government's contribution towards the Equal Remuneration Order for community sector organisations in this year's budget, this will go a long way to contributing to pay equity for the many women in this field. The announcement of further investment in the hospital system and education are also welcome.

We look forward to working with the State Government to achieve better health and wellbeing for Victorian women.

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About Women's Health Victoria

Women's Health Victoria (WHV) is a not-for-profit, state-wide women's health promotion, information and advocacy service, focused on improving the lives of Victorian women. WHV works collaboratively with women, health professionals, policy makers and community organisations to influence and inform health policy and service delivery for women.

The work of WHV is underpinned by a social model of health and a commitment to reducing inequities in health which arise from social, economic and environmental determinants.

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