



Joint Sessional Committee on Gender, Gender-based Violence and Equality

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LAUNCH OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE COMMISSION'S YEARLY REPORT 2025

Monday, 5 October 2026

On Friday, 25 September 2026, the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender, Gender-based Violence and Equality (the Committee) launched an own motion, Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's response to the recommendations of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission's *Yearly Report 2025*.

This is the Committee's first Inquiry following the expansion of its investigate remit to include 'Gender-based Violence,' in August 2026.

The Inquiry draws upon the *National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022 – 2032*. This National Plan endorses the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission to oversee its implementation. Accordingly, the Commission presents a yearly report on progress. The *Yearly Report 2025* included 30 recommendations to facilitate progress towards the fulfilment of the National Plan, including recommendations to state governments.

Accordingly, the Committee has invited the Tasmanian Government to provide a written response in relation to actions which have been undertaken to address recommendations for the charge of state governments. This response is due to the Committee on **24 February 2027**. After receipt of this response, the Committee may proceed to hold public hearings.

Further information about the Inquiry, can be found on the Inquiry webpage here: -
<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/joint-committees/sessional-committees/gender-and-equality-committee/inquiries/inquiry-into-the-tasmanian-governments-response-to-the-recommendations-of-the-domestic,-family-and-sexual-violence-commissions-yearly-report-2025>

The Chair of the Committee, Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC, said, "*Reports of violence against women and family violence incidents in Tasmania have risen significantly over recent years, as these deeply concerning statistics are reflected around the country and world.*"

This Inquiry is an important first step and starting point for the Committee's further work under its expanded gender-based violence remit."

Enquires should be directed to: -

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