



## Consultation on WA's Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy

The Western Australian Government is developing a Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy to improve outcomes for victim-survivors of sexual violence. The Strategy will take a whole-of-government approach to preventing and addressing the impact of sexual violence in the community and guide prevention, intervention, and service delivery work.

We have written a draft strategy and we want to know what you think about the document.

### Who can participate in consultation?

We want to hear from:

- members of the community including people with lived experience of sexual violence as a victim-survivor or family member or friend of a victim-survivor
- people who work to support victim-survivors of sexual violence
- state and local government agencies
- employees and workplaces.

### What do we want to know?

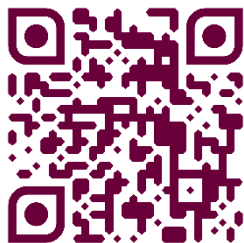
You can download the draft strategy on our website below. A summary of the draft strategy is also included on the other side of this fact sheet.

We would like to know:

- what you like about the strategy and what will work well in the strategy
- what is missing from the strategy
- how the draft strategy can be improved
- what actions we need to take to make the strategy work in practice.

### How can you make a submission?

You can make a submission by completing the online submission form on our website at <https://consultations.justice.wa.gov.au/>.



Please get in touch if you would like to talk about other ways to get involved.

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Submissions close **Friday 15 September 2023**

# Draft Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Strategy

## VISION

All people in Western Australia have the right to be free from sexual violence, coercion or intimidation and to have access to sexual health information, education and services.

## PRINCIPLES

Person centred	Prioritise and support Aboriginal determination	A life course and inclusive approach to implementation	Collective responsibility and collaborative action	Sustained investment in improving practice	Innovation through technology
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## DOMAINS

Domain 1 Prevention	Domain 2 Early Intervention	Domain 3 Responses	Domain 4 Recovery and Healing
<p><b>Outcome</b> Sexual violence is prevented through behaviour change at all levels within the WA population.</p> <p>Governments, organisations, the service systems, communities and families work together to address community attitudes that enable sexual violence and undermine the provision of respectful, affirming and appropriate responses to victim-survivors.</p> <p><b>Focus Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce stigma around sexual violence to enable public discussions around how to prevent and respond to it.</li> <li>Improve community education about respectful relationships and healthy intimacy.</li> <li>Build knowledge and understanding of gender equality and safe, respectful relationships in all workplaces and industries.</li> <li>Build knowledge and skills among children and young people across WA's diverse communities about safe, respectful and healthy relationships to counter unhealthy messages conveyed by pornography about intimacy.</li> <li>Build greater knowledge and understanding of the key drivers and contexts of sexual violence in Aboriginal communities, and appropriate responses to those who use sexual violence</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome</b> Sexual Violence is prevented by identifying and working with early signs of sexual violence across all levels within WA's population, to stop it from escalating or reoccurring.</p> <p>High risk populations are engaged to change the trajectories of sexually violent behaviour and to reduce the risk of these behaviours developing; for example, children and youth with harmful sexual behaviours.</p> <p><b>Focus Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build the capacity of the service system to provide evidence-informed, accessible, programs and support services within WA's diverse communities, based on the principles of ongoing supervision and continuous improvement.</li> <li>Build the capacity of ACCOs to deliver place-based, evidence-informed programs and support services based on the principles of ongoing supervision and continuous improvement.</li> <li>Engage and work with populations at risk of using sexual violence, including children and youth with harmful sexual behaviours, to promote prosocial, respectful relationships and healthy intimacy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome</b> Responses to sexual violence are integrated, trauma-informed and centred on the safety and needs of those who experience sexual violence. People who use sexual violence are held accountable for their behaviour and supported to reduce their violence through responses that promote prosocial attitudes and beliefs, and respectful behaviour towards others.</p> <p>Responses address community attitudes that enable sexual violence and undermine the provision of respectful, affirming and appropriate responses to victim-survivors, and effective programs for people who use sexual violence</p> <p><b>Focus Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide high quality responses to high-risk groups across the life course – women and children, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, LGBTQIA+ people, those with disability.</li> <li>Increase the number of services providing holistic, trauma-informed support for people who experience sexual violence within WA's diverse communities.</li> <li>Improve responses to sexual harassment and sexual violence in industries and workplaces. ...</li> <li>Improve understanding of and responses to children and young people who display harmful sexual behaviours</li> <li>Improve criminal justice responses to sexual violence that is a crime.</li> <li>Strengthen victim-survivor-centred, trauma-informed justice responses.</li> <li>Increase perpetrator accountability and the availability of programs and services.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Outcome</b> Responses and support to heal from sexual violence must be accessible, trauma-informed and centred on the specific, individual recovery and supports needs for people who have experienced sexual violence. Eliminating shame from experiencing sexual violence and encouraging victim survivors to have a voice, to be heard and believed will contribute to building better recovery processes.</p> <p>Victim survivors should have the opportunity to inform improvements in Western Australia's recovery and healing responses. Enabling community conversations about sexual violence, respect and healthy sexuality in Western Australia will increase the opportunities to develop an ongoing narrative of what respectful sexuality looks like into community life. People who use sexual violence must be the final point for the cycle, prevented from causing trauma to others and receiving support to recover from their own trauma histories.</p> <p><b>Focus Areas.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen responses and supports to enable long-term recovery.</li> <li>Support recovery initiatives that respond to the experiences of Aboriginal peoples and communities.</li> <li>Support recovery initiatives that respond to the experiences of members of CALD and LGBTQIA+ communities, those with disability, sex workers and those who are homeless.</li> <li>Enable community conversations about healthy sexuality</li> <li>Support victim survivors to contribute to improved models of recovery and ensure their experiences are acknowledged and built into future responses.</li> </ul>

## SYSTEM ENABLERS