

FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY GROUP (LEAG) STATEWIDE CONSULTATIONS SUMMARY



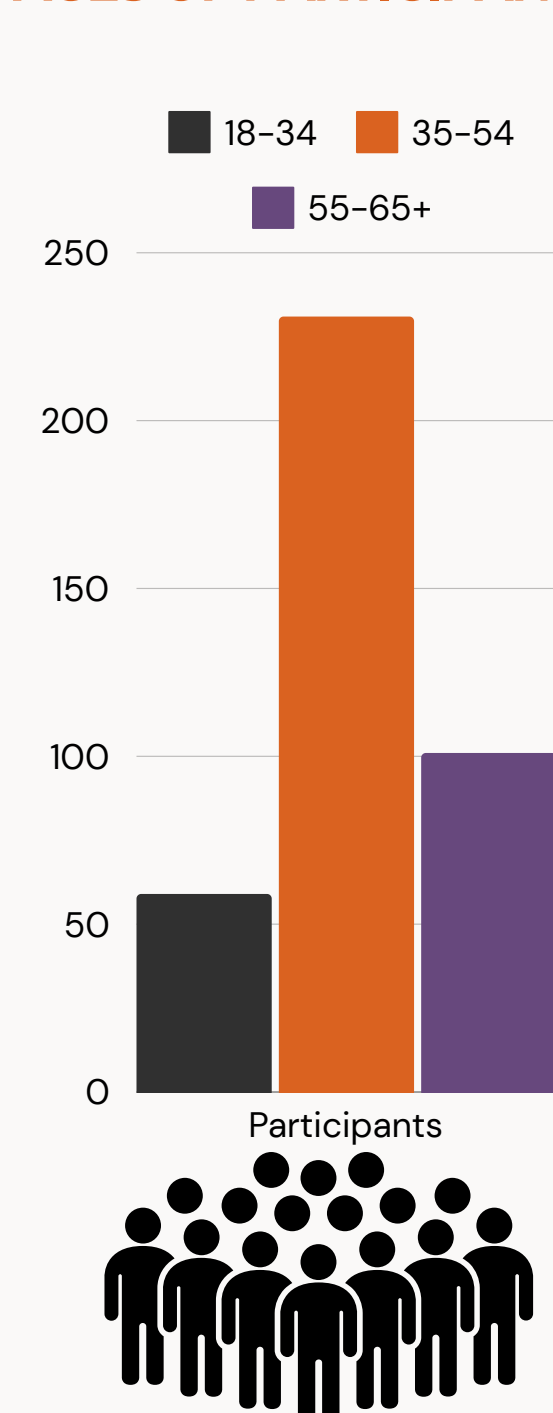
472
Surveys and consultations completed across the state

280
Completed the LEAG survey

192
Participated in consultations

Sites Visited	
Region	Location
Perth	Midland, Victoria Park, Bassendean East and West Perth
West Kimberley	Broome and Derby
East Kimberley	Kununurra
Pilbara	South Hedland, Newman and Jigalong
Goldfields	Kalgoorlie
South West	Bunbury

AGES OF PARTICIPANTS



WA FDV LIVED EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY WANTS

State Government to begin to genuinely listen to the expertise of people with lived experience of family and domestic violence and for new, community driven voices to start informing responses to the issue.

PURPOSE

Creating change was the desired purpose for the LEAG. Monitoring the States, implementation of FDV strategies and informing legislation, policies, service design and delivery came through strongly in conversations as a way of achieving that. Being able to advise Ministers, hear from community members about their experiences and advocate for reform were also sought.

REPRESENTATION

Understanding and representing the diverse needs of people with lived experience was very important overall. Community members consulted said it is important that the LEAG represents the needs of the whole state and recognises what works in one area or for one group of people will not necessarily be successful in another place or for a different cohort.

Who Should The Group Advise

Participants stated the scope of the LEAG should include providing advice to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence as well as other Ministers and Government Agencies in related portfolios. Time and again, participants stressed that the LEAG needs to inform the whole FDV sector as FDV is complex and cuts across multiple portfolios: Police; Justice; Education; Health; Mental Health; Housing and Homelessness; and Disability Services

Membership

Selecting the right people for membership of the LEAG was considered crucial to the success of the group. Participants commonly warned that this group should not be made up of the "same old voices" or people who are already sitting on advisory groups. The LEAG should actively recruit fresh voices, with participants strongly indicating members should have genuine "grassroots" community connections.

Participants widely accepted that LEAG would need high-level skills and experience, including knowledge of legislation, strategies and policies. It was believed that members needed to take a strategic approach to working with senior government and sector representatives and to forming and progressing impactful advice.

PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Trauma Informed
- ✓ Culturally Safe
- ✓ Accountable
- ✓ Empowering
- ✓ Dignity and Respect
- ✓ Confidentiality
- ✓ Compassionate
- ✓ Inclusive
- ✓ Diversity
- ✓ Integrity

Aboriginal LEAG members will drive the application of cultural protocols

Consider establishing an Aboriginal sub-committee

Further consider how reformed perpetrators (both male and female) can be safely engaged in the future to inform the work of the LEAG

Consideration for members to attend at least half the annual meetings in person with the option of holding 2 meetings per year in regional areas

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Group consists of up to 12 members with lived experience of FDV from across the State
- Chair to be an First Nations woman providing trauma informed facilitation
- Meetings held for up to 3 hours every 8 weeks or bi-monthly
- 4-6 positions filled by First Nations people
- Members appointed for either a 2 or 3 year term
- No more than 2 positions held by males who are victim-survivors

SAFETY AND SUPPORT

LEAG will need extra care and resourcing to provide members with a safe, trauma informed environment. To mitigate safety risks, additional time, staffing and external supports are needed to manage the safety of LEAG members.

DIVERSITY OF PARTICIPANTS

