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Denele Crozier Chairperson NSW Women's Alliance

Dear Ms Crozier

NSW Women's Alliance 2023 Election Platform

Thank you for providing me with the NSW Women's Alliance 2023 Election Platform and for the work your organisation does to address sexual, domestic and family violence.

I have reviewed your policy document and support the recommendations and solutions put forward. If re-elected, I will use this document to advocate for an end to gendered violence and to support people experiencing sexual, domestic and family violence.

I agree that a whole-of-government approach is needed and support recommendations for advice, implementation, and oversight bodies. The government must also fund prevention strategies with targets and community programs including in education. Better support for those experiencing sexual, domestic and family violence by funding specialist services and providing appropriate housing is urgently needed. Expanding social and affordable housing has long been a priority for me and older women are an increasing cohort at risk of homelessness. I will continue to push for all recommendations identified in your document.

Constituents who have experienced sexual, domestic and family violence have reported poor experiences with police, in court processes and with Victim's Services. I agree that legal systems need reform. I acknowledge the need to take a cautious approach to criminalising coercive control and I hope my amendments for a taskforce, expert reference groups and early review will ensure appropriate oversight and continuous improvement in the implementation of the new laws.

I support self determination and the Uluru Statement of the Heart and have advocated for the NSW Government to progress this vital reform. First Nations people are best placed to develop solutions to their unique challenges and their involvement in reducing sexual, domestic and family violence in their communities must be embedded in response systems.

A strong well-resourced specialist sexual, domestic and family violence sector is essential to protecting the community from terror of gendered violence whether it be to help victims and survivors flee an abusive relationship or providing government and the legislature with advice on reform. The data provided on the sector's ageing workforce is alarming and a workforce development plan is needed. I commit to working towards a sustainable and resilient sector.

I hope to work with you to progress these reforms and end sexual, domestic and family violence. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office for assistance bringing these matters to decision makers.

Yours sincerely

Alex Greenwich **Member for Sydney**

