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Dear Moo

NSW Women's Alliance NSW State Election Policy Platform - A Safe State

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your campaign to make New South Wales a safe place for all, free from violence.

The shocking statistics show large numbers of women experience violence, especially in particular cohorts including Aboriginal and CALD women, and I support action for urgent change. I am committed to working with NSW Women's Alliance organisations and my constituents to reverse this situation.

I championed the campaign to save inner city women's services that secured funding for a number of vital refuges and services when the government cut funding, and I continue to work with service providers to call for government action to protect women escaping family violence. I recently took the Premier to Lou's Place women's day refuge to meet women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and hear their stories of violence, trauma and struggles finding a safe home. I worked with community legal centres and disability advocacy services to restore funding so that they can continue helping disadvantaged people including women experiencing violence. Addressing the increasing incidence of women becoming homeless or entering the criminal justice system remains a priority for me and I will continue to push for government action.

Violence against women is a complex matter that requires a multi-faceted approach to abolish. I commit to working towards cultural change, improving access to immediate and ongoing support and safe and affordable housing for victims and survivors, supporting community legal services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led community services and working with the sector to improve policies that affect women. I support all 49 recommendations in your report.

I look forward to working with your organisations to end violence against women.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney

