

## **PETITION on Strategies to Stop Violence Against Women**

To: The Honourable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives from the undersigned citizens of Australia.

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Five years after the introduction of the "National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022", the statistics for women experiencing violence in Australia have now increased to one woman in three (ABS, Australian Crime Statistics, Our Watch).

25% of Australians believe it is alright for a man to hit a woman – Hannah Grant, Our Watch 2015.

*We urge immediate action by the House of Representatives on the following:*

- 1. All Australian states and territories (not just NSW and Vic) introduce ongoing mandatory school and TAFE programs to change cultural attitudes towards violence against women*
- 2. Funding for an ongoing Australia wide advertising and media campaign (billboards, newspaper, TV, radio, social media) to broaden public awareness and responsibility*
- 3. More refuges provided for women and children – 50% of women and children are being turned away from refuges in Australia (Jess Hill, ABC Radio National Reporter in The Monthly 14/3/15)*
- 4. A large increase in funding for Men's behaviour and family relationship programs in all states*