



VIEW National Leadership Team meeting Report

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National Women's Alliances

The National Women's Alliances are comprised of five bodies that play a key role in ensuring women's voices are central to policy development. Together, the Alliances advocate for evidence-based, intersectional gender equality across five priority areas outlined by the Working for Women Strategy; gender-based violence, unpaid and paid care, economic equality, health and leadership.

- The Australian Multicultural Women's Alliance (AMWA) advocates for gender equity and safety, representation, and inclusion in decision making for multicultural women nationwide.
- The National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) is the largest organisation in Australia focused on the issues of rural, regional, and remote women, girls, and their communities.
- The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA) was established in 2009 to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women to have a strong and effective voice in the domestic and international policy advocacy process.
- Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA) is the award-winning, national Disabled People's Organisation (DPO) and National Women's Alliance (NWA) for women, girls, and gender-diverse people with disabilities in Australia.
- The Working with Women Alliance (WwWA) connects the critical areas of gender-based violence prevention and the advancement of women's economic equality and leadership, bridging these important policy fields for greater impact.

VIEW Clubs of Australia is a member organisation of The Working with Women Alliance (WwWA) which represents two key portfolios: National Women's Safety (NWS) and National Women's Equality (NWE).



On 13 May, VIEW received FEDERAL BUDGET: WwWA's May Newsletter from Dr Gemma Killen Executive Director WwWA

There were a few wins for women in Federal Budget 2026-27. The allocation of \$218 million to implement actions under Australia's first stand-alone First Nations-led plan to end family, domestic and sexual violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children is an important commitment, as is the \$182 million to address the weaponisation of Australia's child support system.

For the first time since the child support scheme was introduced, the Government has formally acknowledged that it operates within a gendered framework and can be used as a tool of coercion and control. With more than \$2 billion in child support debt in March 2026, the economic consequences for single mothers and their children are profound. This funding represents a long-overdue step toward addressing the abuse and inequality embedded in the system. The Working with Women Alliance released a policy brief on [ending the weaponisation of the child support system](#) last year, so we are pleased with the continued commitment to address systems abuse.

In other, smaller, commitments we can see progress for women too, including:

- \$3.2 million over four years to extend the Carer Inclusive Workplace Initiative;*
- \$68.5 million over three years to support elimination of HIV in Australia for people who are not eligible for Medicare;*
- almost \$60 million to support young people to live in community housing;*
- \$4.9 million to achieve universal perinatal mental health screening and \$10.8 million to continue the Health in My Language Program;*
- funding to extend the Leaving Violence Program Regional Trials to 2027;*
- an extension of payments for the 500 Workers initiative for family, domestic and sexual violence services.*

What is missing from this Budget however, is momentum to address the economic insecurity of women who rely on government services to pay their rent and feed their families. Income tax cuts have not been matched with meaningful increases to income support, so many women will continue to be at increased risk of homelessness and poverty.

We will continue to advocate on these and other important gender and safety issues; please reach out and share your views on where we might have the most impact.

In Solidarity

Gemma Killen

While VIEW Clubs no longer sit on a dedicated working group, they remain an active member of the Working with Women Alliance.

For more information about Working with Women Alliance – including the National Women's Safety Portfolio and the National Women's Equality portfolio go to <https://wwwa.org.au/>