

Regional Committee Supports Findings of Family Violence Reform Monitor

The Central Highlands Integrated Family Violence Committee (CHIFVC) welcomes the release of the [first report](#) of the Family Violence Reform Implementation Monitor, Mr Tim Cartwright APM.

The report's findings are consistent with sector feedback in our region regarding the rollout of the Victorian Government's reform package following the 2015 *Royal Commission into Family Violence*.

The CHIFVC acknowledges the significant investment and commitment from the government, the substantial sector consultation and considerable good work undertaken to date to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission.

However there is a need for improved whole-of reform planning and coordination to prioritise and sequence activity, rather than the current emphasis on acquitting the 227 individual recommendations. This is critical for the longer term sustainability and success of the system.

The CHIFVC will continue to strengthen the existing collaboration with government required to improve responses for women, children and others experiencing family violence and the prevention of violence against women in the Central Highlands region and beyond.

The region looks forward to welcoming Mr Cartwright as a Key Note Speaker at the upcoming [Grampians Pyrenees Leading Change Dinner on 13th June 2018](#). This event is part of the *Communities of Respect & Equality* (CoRE) initiative that supports organisations, businesses and community groups in the region to prevent violence against women and promote gender equality.

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Background

The Implementation Monitor position was established to hold the Victorian Government to account for delivering family violence reform in a manner that improves outcomes for victim survivors.

Mr Cartwright's report was tabled in State Parliament on 10 May 2018. It sets out key findings as at 1 November 2017, and what needs to happen to increase the likelihood of successful reform implementation.

The report calls for an improved, systematic approach to the coordination of reforms that balances urgent and critical needs with planning for the longer term.

CHIFVC is a network of family violence service and support agencies working together for an integrated, joined up system for the Central Highlands region.