



National Risk Assessment Principles for Family and Domestic Violence

PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

PROJECT SCOPE

The Third Action Plan under the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022* (the National Plan) commits the Australian Government to developing and implementing National Risk Assessment Principles for victims and perpetrators of violence, based on evidence, including the risks that are present for children and other family members who experience or are exposed to violence (National Priority Area 3, Action Item 3.1).

The National Risk Assessment Principles that ANROWS are developing are expected to: be relevant to, and appropriate for, front line workers/first responders assisting victims of family and domestic violence (FDV) who operate at different levels in multiple sectors and from multiple disciplines; reflect best-practice and be informed by the latest national and international practitioner and academic research; complement and build on the work undertaken in other jurisdictions and/or by ANROWS; and be developed in consultation with key stakeholders.

PROJECT APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

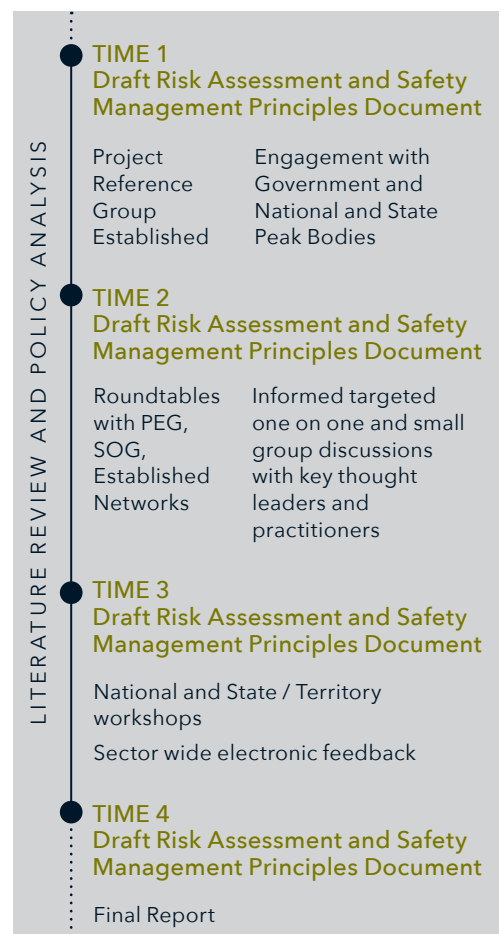
The National Risk Assessment Principles (NRAP) Project is based on a consultation methodology, the key feature of which is input from the sector, other stakeholders and communities. The project will run from August 2017-April 2018 and comprises three components:

1. Literature review of: peer-reviewed literature; “grey literature” including government reports and inquiries; domestic violence death review reports; as well as community-based research and resources reflecting practice-wisdom, from a number of local and international jurisdictions.
2. Policy analysis of existing approaches to risk and safety in responding to family and domestic violence, with a particular focus on other Australian jurisdictions as well as notable international policy approaches to common risk assessment and risk management.
3. Key stakeholder engagement process. The approach to consultation will incorporate a number of strategies. A range of agencies, communities and service providers will be invited to participate. Consultations processes will include: discussion of the principles at established network meetings and subsequent feedback; roundtable discussions; one on one interviews; workshops; and an opportunity for sector wide electronic feedback on one of the later drafts of the principles. It is hoped that the provision of multiple participation opportunities will be more sensitive to time stretched individuals and services. This iterative engagement approach will cater to distinct interest and expertise differences as the National Risk Assessment Principles are developed.

The engagement strategy will run over the life of the project, with four drafts of the risk assessment principles developed at distinct “points in time”. This design incorporates a rolling consultation methodology so that each draft will incorporate the feedback from stakeholders, be reviewed and amended, then used as the next draft for review. The time points and strategies are outlined in the diagram across.

The National Risk Assessment Principles will provide an overarching conceptual understanding of risk and managing risk in the area of family and domestic violence, with the intention of keeping women and children safe.

The principles will not replace existing state and territory frameworks; instead they provide a guide for policy makers and practitioners to develop risk assessment tools and resources.



HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

All consultation strategies and opportunities for feedback will be publicised via national and state peak body communications, through already established family and domestic violence networks, and on the [ANROWS website](http://ANROWS.org.au).

If you would like any further information about the project at this initial stage or have any questions, please contact Ms Cherie Toivonen, Senior Research Officer, Risk Assessment cherie.toivonen@anrows.org.au or Ms Corina Backhouse, Project Officer corina.backhouse@anrows.org.au

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