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Peak Body Calls for Government Response and Immediate Collaboration following NLAP Report Release

The national peak body of the Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (FVPLS) sector welcomes today's release of the *'Independent Review of the National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP) 2020-25'* and calls for immediate action by Commonwealth, State and Territory governments to develop an implementation plan that will progress the recommendations of the much-anticipated report.

"We note and support all recommendations made by Dr. Warren Mundy relating to the FVPLS sector in the report and call on governments to respond to the report and its recommendations," Chief Executive Officer of the National Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services Forum (the Forum), Kerry Staines said.

"Our sector has been tireless in lobbying for our unique needs underlined by weak investment, stretched capacity, and broader service provision challenges. The findings of the report and its recommendations validate our long-held position relating to the needs of the FVPLS sector," Ms. Staines said.

"We look forward to working with Commonwealth, State, and Territory governments to progress the implementation of Dr. Mundy's recommendations to ensure we can continue to deliver critical legal and non-legal services to First Nations women and children, and consider that genuine collaboration is in line with Priority Reform 2 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap."

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About the NFVPLS Forum

The National Family Violence Prevention & Legal Services Forum (NFVPLS Forum) was established in May 2012 and is the National Peak Body for Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) around Australia that provide culturally safe and holistic services to First Nations people affected by family violence – predominantly women and children.



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The NFVPLS Forum provides expert national policy advice in areas of policy, planning and law reform, and advocates for safety and justice for First Nations people affected by family violence.

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