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Budget Announces Family Violence ACCO Funding, Peak Body Calls for Clarity and Collaboration

Tonight's Federal Budget included some welcome news for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) working to support the safety and healing of First Nations children, however further detail is needed on the specific support allocated for Aboriginal women impacted by family violence, according to the Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services (FVPLS) sector's national peak body.

First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV) Chief Executive Officer Kerry Staines, who attended tonight's Budget lock up in Canberra, said, "broadly, one of the areas of focus with this budget is on children's safety, which FNAAFV very much supports.

"We were hopeful to have received support for an Early Child Protection Notification and Referral Scheme, and will continue to advocate for this," Ms Staines said.

FNAAFV welcomes the Government's commitment of \$218.3 million over five years to support the implementation of the "Our Ways Strong Ways Our Voices: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence 2026-2036".

We are also pleased to see ongoing Government funding provided for the delivery of the National Access to Justice Partnership.

We also welcome an investment of \$167.6 M over four years from 2026/27 that is allocated to up to 40 culturally safe frontline ACCOs to support families to reduce family, domestic and sexual violence, while also helping to prevent the removal of children from their families.

"We call on the government to work with FNAAFV and the specialist FVPLS sector to identify which 40 ACCO's will receive funding under this announcement," Ms Staines said.

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About First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV)

First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV), formerly 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. FNAAFV 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.