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Sector Peak Consultation

The Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce reports contain recommendations relating to the establishment of a sector peak/s.

[Ending Violence Against Women Queensland](#) (EVAWQ) sees this as a rare and unique opportunity to be future focussed and create a sector peak that unites diverse voices and drives positive collaborative change, to end domestic, family and sexual violence. The EVAWQ Management Committee see this peak as a new entity different to anything that currently exists in Queensland.

We have created this paper to support conversations about how a sector peak could look and would love to hear your thoughts.

Background

Early in November the EVAWQ Management Committee came together with Aimee McVeigh from QCOSS, Aunty Peggy Tidyman, Gunggari Elder, and Sono Leone from Strong Women Talking. We spent the day discussing different peak models, governance structures, memberships, the purpose of a peak, how to ensure representation of diverse voices and particularly ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and communities and victim survivor representatives have seats at the table.

The peak framework we present to you in this paper is the culmination of that discussion, and a starting point that we hope can bring together many voices to create a united future focussed vision of what a collaborative, inclusive and impactful Sector Peak could be. We understand that there will be facilitated conversations with existing networks about what a Peak could be, coordinated by Department of Justice and Attorney General. EVAWQ have written to Kylie Stephens to request consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and communities as a part of this process and we are sharing our thoughts in the interests of transparency and collaboration.

We spoke at length about one or two Peaks and felt that a single Peak representing the needs of the whole sector with equal voice and resourcing of networks would be the most beneficial governance model, and create a more united and connected sector peak able to drive the greatest change and create the most impact in relation to ending gender-based violence.



A UNITED DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PEAK

Purpose: Drive positive change to end domestic, family and sexual violence, and lead and unite a representative voice.

Who does the peak represent?

- Funded HSQF accredited providers of domestic, family and sexual violence and supported accommodation services.
- Services that are supporting people who are experiencing and/or using violence
- Organisations, individuals and groups that are working to end violence
- People with lived experience

What do members receive?

- Increased influence
- Information
- Services and support

Governance: Company Limited by Guarantee, DGR status

- ❖ Board must include two places for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, with one position being specifically for a woman.
- ❖ The peak will resource an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group
- ❖ One position on the Board must be for a lived experience advocate
- ❖ The peak will establish a mechanism for supporting expert input from those with lived experience.

EVAWQ invites all networks, organisations and individuals working across domestic, family and domestic violence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities, those supporting diverse and marginalised groups, and those with lived experience to contemplate our draft model, provide any feedback and/or express your interest in attending a shared discussion. Please email info@evawq.org to participate and let us know if you have any accessibility requirements.