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South Australia Branch

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Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence
(sent via online submission site)

Dear Commissioner Stott Despoja AO,

WILPF SA has been deeply saddened by the increasing loss of life in South Australia as a result of family violence and feel disappointed and angry that the SA community as a whole has been unable to protect women and their children from harm. Therefore, we welcome the South Australian Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

WILPF SA has joined other organisations in their campaigning against gender-based violence over the years (e.g., Spirit of Woman and Rotary) but does not have local expertise around issues of prevention, early intervention, response, recovery and healing, as specified in the issues paper. Whilst we are unable to provide local input, we bring to your attention a briefing paper and toolkit on domestic violence developed by WILPF International and other international gender justice organisations (i.e., MADRE, Media Matters for Women, MenEngage Alliance, Nobel Women's Initiative, OutRight Action International, and Women Enabled International).

These organisations analysed successful interventions globally to make program and policy recommendations and to provide resources for preventing, addressing, and documenting domestic violence that may be adapted to different contexts. This work was undertaken in 2020 to address domestic violence under COVID-19, but has ongoing applicability under new conditions of crisis, stress and uncertainty. These documents may be accessed at:

- https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/MADRE-Domestic-Violence-Under-COVID-19-Briefing-Paper_4.21.20.pdf
- https://www.madre.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/RS2104_DV-Toolkit_8.5.20_ENG.pdf

We wish the Commission well in its important work.

Yours sincerely,

State Convenor