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Appendix F

Public hearings

Topic	Witnesses
20 November 2024	
<p>Domestic, family and sexual violence and Housing</p> <p>This hearing explored how the SA housing and homelessness system interacts with and affects the SA domestic and family violence systems, and pathways through the homelessness system in the context of domestic and family violence.</p>	<p>Maria Hagias, CEO, Women’s Safety Services South Australia</p> <p>Panel: Homelessness Alliance Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mishelle Di Pinto, Yarredi Services • Sandra Fuchs, Country North Homelessness Alliance • Alice Worrall, Country South Homelessness Alliance • Orla Matthews, Adelaide North West Homelessness Alliance • Shaya Nettle, Toward Home Alliance <p>Louise Kelly, Deputy CEO, OARS Community Transitions</p> <p>Olive Bennell, CEO Nunga Mi:Minar</p> <p>Nicole Chaplin, CEO St John’s Youth Service</p>
21 November 2024	
<p>Sexual Violence</p> <p>As an important area of focus for the Royal Commission, this hearing focused on two aspects of the health and criminal justice responses to sexual violence.</p>	<p>Katrina Dee, Director Health and Recovery Trauma Safety Services</p> <p>Detective Chief Superintendent, Cath Hilliard, South Australia Police</p> <p>Debbie Martin, Rural Support Service, SA Health</p> <p>Commissioner Sarah Quick, Victims of Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Siobhan Blake, Crown Prosecution Services UK</p>

Topic	Witnesses
10 December 2024	
<p>Primary Prevention in Schools</p> <p>Primary prevention education is provided in schools throughout South Australia through the delivery of the Australian Curriculum, the Department for Education's Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum and other specialist programs.</p> <p>This hearing focussed on ways primary prevention education is being delivered across the different schooling sectors in South Australia, including what is most effective and what children and young people want to learn.</p>	<p>Panel Discussion – How primary prevention education is addressed in each of the three schooling systems in South Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey Davies, Department for Education • Dr Jill Gowdie, Catholic Education • Michele Oliphant, Association of Independent Schools <p>Dr Tessa Opie, In Your Skin</p> <p>Sara Porzio, Principal, Fregon Anangu School</p> <p>Jake Battifouco, General Manager, Power Community Ltd</p> <p>Holley Skene, CEO, SHINE SA</p>
11 December 2024	
<p>Effective Interventions</p> <p>Behaviour change programs and other interventions for people using violence have been identified as crucial components of an effective domestic, family and sexual violence system.</p> <p>This hearing explored some of the services available for people who use violence in South Australia, and how intervention programs may effectively assist a person who uses violence, by holding them accountable for their actions, and by assisting them to take personal responsibility for their actions and make changes to their behaviour.</p>	<p>Professor Donna Chung, University of Western Australia</p> <p>Jonathon Main, Relationships Australia SA</p> <p>Kate Melvin, KIND Program</p> <p>Panel: Thorne Harbour Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Silk • Sharna Ciotti

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25 February 2025	
<p>Children and Young People</p> <p>Understanding and addressing the impact of domestic, family and sexual violence on children and young people is essential to developing recommendations which are capable of delivering the generational change required to bring an end to that violence.</p> <p>This hearing focussed on recognising children and young people as victim-survivors in their own right and on understanding what children and young people need to thrive.</p>	<p>Professor Leah Bromfield, Australian Centre for Child Protection, Uni SA</p> <p>Panel: Relationships Australia SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloe Henderson • Sarah Decrea <p>Panel: SA Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Baron • Rachel Kirby • Melissa John <p>Rhiannon Pilkington, Postdoctoral Fellow, BetterStart Child Health and Development Research Group, Adelaide University</p>
26 February 2025	
<p>Intervention Orders</p> <p>Intervention orders are an important mechanism for ensuring the safety and protection of those experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, domestic family or sexual violence.</p> <p>This hearing explored the intervention order system in South Australia and what is needed to ensure this system is effective.</p>	<p>Catherine Coleiro, Legal Services Commission of SA</p> <p>Chief Inspector Kellie Watkins, South Australia Police</p> <p>Professor Heather Douglas, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne</p> <p>Mary Leaker, General Manager, Embolden</p>

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4 March 2025	
<p>Innovative Approaches</p> <p>Across Australia, many organisations and agencies have developed innovative approaches to improve the systems tasked with preventing and responding to domestic, family and sexual violence.</p> <p>This hearing showcased some of these approaches.</p>	<p>Professor Georgina Heydon, Criminology and Justice Studies, RMIT University</p> <p>Panel: Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Inspector Kellie Watkins, South Australia Police • Mergho Ray, Women’s Safety Services SA <p>Laura Cilesio, Senior Director, ACT Intermediary Program</p> <p>Debra Zanella, CEO, Ruah Community Services WA</p> <p>Jami Jones, Rainbow Health Australia</p>
5 March 2025	
<p>Empowerment and Recovery</p> <p>Recovery and healing from domestic, family and sexual violence can be a long and difficult process. The Commission heard that victim-survivors face many different barriers to recovery, including economic and systems abuse.</p> <p>This hearing was an opportunity to bring focused attention to the need to break down these barriers and to develop long-term supports to enable healing, recovery and empowerment.</p>	<p>Professor Silke Meyer, Professor of Social Work, Griffith University</p> <p>Anna Coutts-Trotter, The Survivor Hub</p> <p>Panel: What works? Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander healing programs that respond to family violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Bronwyn Carlson • Dr Terri Farrelly <p>Kelly-Ann Tansley, Zahra Foundation Australia</p> <p>Panel: GoGo Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Gun • Tam Norris

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25 March 2025	
<p>Family Violence</p> <p>Family violence is an important area of focus for the Royal Commission under its Terms of Reference.</p> <p>This hearing focussed on violence in family and family-like settings, being violence which is used by a person against a member of their family (or in a family-like setting) who is not their intimate partner.</p>	<p>Dr Chelsea Tobin, CEO of Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre, Victoria</p> <p>Panel: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Safety Plan Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Rigney, KWY Aboriginal Corporation • Adjunct Professor Muriel Bamblett AO, VACCA <p>Panel: Council of the Ageing (COTA) South Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Starke, CE, COTA SA • Rachel Nielson, Head of The Plug-in and Research and Engagement Manager at COTA SA <p>Belinda Lake, Adult Safeguarding Unit, Office for Ageing Well</p> <p>Jennifer Howard, Founder and CEO, Safe Pets Safe Families</p>
26 March 2025	
<p>Helping Communities Thrive</p> <p>What do communities need to thrive? This hearing aimed to identify ways that South Australia can more effectively recognise and respond to domestic, family and sexual violence, so that our communities can move into a future free from that violence.</p>	<p>Commissioner Micaela Cronin, Federal Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission</p> <p>Amanda Alford, Director of Government Relations, Policy and Evidence, Our Watch</p> <p>Ben Bjarnesen, LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Foundation</p> <p>Associate Professor Zac Seidler, Movember and Orygen, The University of Melbourne</p> <p>Panel: Australia Refugee Association South Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Chalubek • Erfan Abidi • Judy Nziu