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NSW GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO ENDING DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

The NSW Government has reaffirmed its commitment to ending domestic violence and sexual assault this International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The NSW Government is investing more than \$390 million over four years in specialist initiatives to reduce domestic and family violence, in addition to the hundreds of millions spent each year on mainstream services in justice, health, police, child protection and housing.

“It is vital for people in our community to know the right support is there for them if they are experiencing violence at the hands of a partner.”

“Our community will not tolerate domestic and family violence and perpetrators of this crime must be held accountable for their actions” Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said.

“The recent announcement of the 2018 NSW Domestic Violence Practitioner of the Year to our Senior Constable Debra Milnes is testament of the work that is being conducted locally to tackle domestic violence.”

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward said the state is leading the nation in tackling domestic violence, with NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data showing NSW is the only state to record a significant decline in domestic violence assault rates occasioning grievous bodily harm.

Recent initiatives include the expanding of the Staying Home Leaving Violence program, reforms to Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders and the release of the NSW Government’s Sexual Assault Strategy.

“Domestic and family violence has a devastating impact on families which is why preventing this crime is a priority of the NSW Government,” Ms Goward said.

“The NSW Government is committed to reducing domestic and family violence through tougher penalties for perpetrators and more support for victims and survivors.”

The NSW Domestic Violence Line is open 24 hours a day and staffed by specialist female counsellors. Contact 1800 65 64 63.

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