

# Media Release

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## PREVENTING FAMILY VIOLENCE IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

The Andrews Labor Government is working with Aboriginal communities to stop family violence before it starts with the launch of a dedicated fund to keep women and children safe.

Acting Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Jill Hennessy and Special Minister of State Gavin Jennings today called for submissions for the first-of-its-kind Aboriginal fund to prevent the cycle of family violence.

The Preventing the Cycle of Violence (PCV) Aboriginal Fund is providing more than \$2.7 million over two years to Aboriginal-led organisations and community groups to run family violence prevention and early intervention projects.

The PCV Aboriginal Fund aims to achieve respectful, culturally rich, strong and healthy relationships for Aboriginal children, young people, families and Elders.

The Labor Government is working hard to stop all forms of family violence, and this project is a key step in supporting the Aboriginal community to implement local solutions to protect women and children.

Aboriginal-led prevention is a strategic priority of the Aboriginal 10 Year Family Violence Agreement, which was developed by the Indigenous Family Violence Partnership Forum, a partnership between the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal services and organisations and the Labor Government.

For more information visit [tenders.vic.gov.au](https://tenders.vic.gov.au). Applications close on 14 August.

### **Quote attributable to Acting Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Jill Hennessy**

*“This funding will empower Aboriginal organisations and community groups to break the cycle of inter-generational violence and stop family violence before it starts.”*

### **Quote attributable to Special Minister of State Gavin Jennings**

*“Through this dedicated fund – designed by Aboriginal people, for Aboriginal people, and implemented by Aboriginal people – we’re giving Aboriginal communities the support they need to help end family violence.”*