

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Hutchins MP**

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Minister for Industrial Relations

Minister for Women

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence



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## PREVENTING FAMILY VIOLENCE IN MELBOURNE'S OUTER EAST

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting local government programs that are working to prevent family violence in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Natalie Hutchins today visited Casey and Cardinia Councils to announce almost \$200,000 in funding to support programs that prevent family violence.

Local government is in a unique position to stop family violence before it starts. Councils work closely with local families, community organisations, businesses and sports clubs. This places them in the strategic position to address inequality and violent behaviour in the community.

The City of Casey will receive a grant of \$80,000 to continue its efforts to create a family-friendly community, where women and children feel safe.

A further \$5,000 will support a local family violence project at Hallam Senior Secondary College. Students have been exploring the devastating impact of family violence on where they live and what they can do to have a positive impact in their community.

Cardinia Shire Council will receive \$75,000 to put in place a policy to prevent violence against women, partner with local businesses on prevention, and promote women's leadership in the workplace.

A further \$35,000 will allow Cardinia Shire Council and Bass Shire Coast Council to partner together on efforts to address violence against women and children.

The Labor Government has invested a record \$2.6 billion to support victim survivors and create a Victoria free from violence.

For information on *Free from violence: Victoria's strategy to prevent family violence and all forms of violence against women*, visit [vic.gov.au/familyviolence/prevention-strategy](http://vic.gov.au/familyviolence/prevention-strategy)

### Quote attributable to Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence Natalie Hutchins

*"Ending family violence requires a whole of community approach. By investing in prevention programs lead by local government we will help stop family violence before it starts."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Narre Warren South Judith Graley

*"Everyone has a role to play in stopping family violence. From Council to students, the Narre Warren community has made it clear that they want a future free from family violence."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Narre Warren North Luke Donnellan

*"Every Victorian deserves to feel safe in their community. That's why we are funding our local councils to lead the way when it comes to prevention family violence."*

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