

In 2019, we are asking all parties to commit to the following:

1. Addressing gender inequality and its effects on our community, including family violence

- Allocate sufficient funding to fully implement all actions in the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010–2022 and prioritise tailored programs for groups with high rates of family violence including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, LGBTIQ+ people and people with a disability
- Include an entitlement to 10 days paid family violence leave in the National Employment Standards (NES)
- Adopt a 'First to Know, First to Act' model so that family violence identification and support is an integral part of community services and make it a requirement of Commonwealth program funding agreements
- Fund the National Housing and Homelessness Strategy so that women and children experiencing family violence have adequate options for safe and affordable housing

2. Improving quality of life for people experiencing mental health issues

- Make more psychosocial support programs available for people not eligible for the NDIS
- Offer longer-term investment to improve the sustainability of current mental health services
- Expand Mental Health Plans from ten (10) to twenty (20) sessions within Medicare

3. Meeting housing needs so everyone can participate in society

- Reform taxation policy so that the needs of home buyers and renters come before property investors; use this revenue to support more social and affordable housing options for ordinary Australians
- Develop a national strategy for providing 500,000 social and affordable rental homes
- Increase rent assistance to reflect increasing housing costs
- Develop and adequately fund a real plan to end homelessness in Australia

4. Allowing people with disability to be independent and meet their own goals

- Fund the NDIS so that all eligible recipients get appropriate and adequate funding packages, particularly in rural and remote areas; for participants with high and complex needs; for participants from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds; and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants.
- Better consider the needs of those experiencing psychosocial disability, through an NDIS pathway and making more psychosocial support programs available for people not eligible for the NDIS
- Make sure there is sufficient funding within the NDIS to have an appropriately trained and qualified disability workforce that possess the knowledge and skills needed to support participants