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Boom times: working in Victoria post Royal Commission into Family Violence

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Domestic Violence Victoria

- Peak body for Victorian specialist family violence services for women and children
- We are a non-government organisation representing 90 agencies, individual members and associate members

Royal Commission into Family Violence

- ALP 2014 election commitment
- 13 Month review
- Broad terms of reference:
 - Primary prevention
 - Early intervention
 - Support victim survivors
 - Make perpetrators accountable
 - Develop and refine systemic responses
 - Better coordinate community and government responses
 - Evaluate and measure
- RCFV delivered seven volumes and 227 recommendations

Victorian Government response to RCFV

- Government committed to full implementation
- Comprehensive systemic reform over 10 years
- 2016/17 state budget - \$572 million (first two years of recommendation implementation)
- 2017/18 State Budget – \$1.9 billion
- Ten Year Plan & Three-year Rolling Action Plans
- New independent agency within Government – Family Safety Victoria

Key themes Royal Commission into Family Violence

- Family and domestic violence is an issue of gender inequality
- Diversity & intersectionality
- Responding to F/DV is everyone's responsibility – retaining specialist practice at the core
- Multi-agency responses are best practice / services must work better together
- Co-design with non-government sector and those with lived experience
- Bringing perpetrators into view
- A more sustained focus on supporting children and young people
- Moving beyond a crisis response
- Family violence must be a core area of responsibility for government and requires investment

Overview of key recommendations

- Primary Prevention Strategy
- Information Sharing
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management
- Support and Safety Hubs
- Workforce development and Industry Planning
- Perpetrator Accountability
- Child Protection
- Housing and Homelessness
- Police
- Magistrates' Courts
- Commonwealth Recommendations

DV Vic's role post Royal Commission

- Co-design and collaboration
- Advocacy and representation
- Practice development – coordination role
- Policy development and research
- Supporting an 'evolving' family violence system
- Leadership through the change process

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