

# HOW CLC'S CAN ENGAGE WITH HOMICIDE REVIEWS

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# Collaborate across jurisdictions and sectors!

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- Discuss with your local and state DV networks about the current homicide review in your state
- Put it on the agenda of network meetings to plan how to raise the issue of possible improvements to your Death Review scheme in your state



# Collaborate across sectors

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- Advocate for best practice death reviews
- Collaborate with all DV services, local, state and national networks so that everyone is aware of the issues and can respond together



# Include death review information in CLE's

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- Raise awareness of the DV death reviews
- Raise awareness of the current shortcomings / areas for improvement
- Ask CLE participants if they are interested in going on a database for future policy and law reform



# Law Reform

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- Seize the moment
- When recommendations are made by the death review scheme get media attention to publicise and promote the recommendations widely
- Public Petition Campaign
- Use personal stories to engage local MP's to support the reviews recommendations



# Policy reform


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- Particular agencies/organisations can be targeted in the recommendations
- Law reform officer/solicitor to write to each respective organisation to ask whether they will be adopting the suggested recommendations
- Your CLC could release a paper discussing what recommendations have been implemented each year?

# Representation for the victim's family members

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- In some cases there may be allegations about inaction from the family. It may be worth putting the families' story to the review.
- Other cases the Family may approach your CLC asking you to assist them to put some of the problems they experienced with the system and particular issues they had with different agencies and organizations.



## How CLC's can contribute to a review when a client has been killed

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- CLC may have information they think the review should be aware of
- Duty of confidentiality to client?
- Anonymous? Written? Verbal evidence?





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# *Questions / Discussion*