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Funding for the National Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention organisation is essential

Community Legal Centres Australia (CLCs Australia), the national peak body for community legal centres, is alarmed by a recent decision to not provide funding for the National Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services Forum (National FVPLS Forum) after 30 June 2020.

The National FVPLS Forum is the only national voice for Aboriginal women and children who are survivors of family violence and sexual assault. With over sixteen years of experience, it is essential that the NFVPLS Forum receives ongoing funding.

“This decision is inconsistent with government policy to address family violence and abuse,” said Nassim Arrage, CEO of CLCs Australia. “An effective response to family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is impossible without a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice at the table”.

“We understand that the \$244 000 in funding currently provided to the NFVPLS Forum is being discontinued despite a recent review commissioned by the Commonwealth which recommended an investment of additional resources. It is difficult to understand this decision in the current environment. We are extremely concerned about the impact that this will have on Aboriginal women and children survivors.”

CLCs Australia calls on government to continue to provide funding to the National FVPLS Forum.

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