

New South Wales HOT SPOTS

Since the 'Going Home Staying Home' reforms, women and children fleeing violent homes have less places to go that are women-only. Out of 100 services run by women, for women, there are now 14 left.

The Ask: ensure 24/7 care, support women's services, provide certainty.

Incidents of domestic assault are from July 2013 to June 2014.

Source: BOCSAR. NSW average DV rate 397 per 100,000.

Dubbo Emergency Accommodation

(Dubbo Women's Refuge)

Issue: Lost tender after years of operating. Women with drug and alcohol problems are now being housed with women and children escaping DV. Lost court advocacy and other programs. Very high local DV rate.

The Ask: Must separate general homeless women from women and children escaping DV to ensure safety.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **798**

Dubbo

Taree Women and Children's Refuge

Issue: Lost tender after more than 30 years. Operation of new refuge uncertain. Greater Taree Council has formally sought information from new operators. Extremely high local DV rate.

The Ask: Ensure refuge continues to operate 24/7 with qualified staff due to high local need.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **788**

Taree

Lismore Women and Children's Refuge

Issue: Lost tender after 36 years. Closest refuges Grafton and Tweed Heads, more than one hour away.

The Ask: Extend temporary funding until at least June 2017 to ensure Lismore continues to have a refuge.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **341**

Lismore

Forster Neighbourhood Centre

Issue: No DV service in Forster – closest refuge is Taree, too far and previously always full. Status of Taree refuge unclear.

The Ask: Funding for access to three housing units for women and children escaping domestic violence and a case manager at the Neighbourhood Centre.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **569**

Forster/Tuncurry

Port Stephens

Rockdale

Marrickville

Campbelltown

Yacaaba Centre

Issue: Lost tender after 25 years. Services a remote area, the Tomaree Peninsula.

The Ask: Extend temporary funding until at least June 2017 and ensure essential work with local police can continue.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **396**

Macarthur Gateway Resource Services

(formerly Marcia Women's Refuge)

Issue: Lost tender after 28 years. Cares for large number of Aboriginal women and children. High local DV rate.

The Ask: Extend temporary funding until at least June 2017 recognising its essential role for Aboriginal women and children and the high need.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **625**

In a report of the top 20 LGAs for domestic violence by BOCSAR, Campbelltown was the only urban area.

Cooma

Monaro Community Access Service

Issue: Lost tender after years of operating, along with seven crisis units for women and children escaping DV. Crisis units have been closed for months.

The Ask: Extend temporary funding until at least June 2017 and allocate a crisis unit for women and children escaping DV and a dedicated case manager.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **256**

Marrickville Women's Refuge Innari Housing Inc

Issue: Both lost tenders after years of operating as well as transitional housing. Both care for large numbers of Aboriginal women and children escaping DV.

The Ask: Extend temporary funding until at least June 2017 recognising their essential role for Aboriginal women and children.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **369**

Bega

Bega Women's Refuge

Issue: Lost tender after 26 years. Staff at new refuge reduced and not currently 24/7. Has been closed since June.

The Ask: Must be retained as a 24/7 refuge with at least 10 qualified staff.

DV rate: per 100,000 population: **310**

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