



Hon Simone McGurk MLA
Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests;
Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services

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Dear Ms Hywood

Thank you for your correspondence to the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon Mark McGowan MLA dated 21 September 2017. His office has referred your letter to my office in my capacity as the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence.

The McGowan Government recognises the serious issue of family and domestic violence and its impact on individuals, families and communities. The disproportionate impact on Aboriginal women and children, families and communities is also devastating.

In Western Australia we are getting on with a comprehensive package of family and domestic violence reforms to: better support victims; hold perpetrators to account; have a responsive justice system; and support prevention and early intervention.

In the 2018 State Budget we have allocated \$1.6 million over four years to provide culturally appropriate services to family and domestic violence victims from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and culturally and linguistically diverse communities. This investment complements existing community based supports for Aboriginal women and children and men.

Thank you for sharing the General Synod's resolution regarding family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. It is encouraging to see the leadership of the Anglican Church on this complex social policy issue.

Yours sincerely

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HON SIMONE MCGURK MLA
MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION; WOMEN'S INTERESTS;
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