



## The Hon. Pru Goward MP

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Dear Mr Lyons

Thank you for your correspondence regarding an Emergency Response Mobile Application to support victims of domestic and family violence.

I commend your innovations, in particular those that support women to be safe and free from violence. The NSW Government has investigated the use of technology in the fight against domestic and family violence and this has led to ongoing investments in the Aurora smartphone app, as well as the use of SOS duress alarms in the Staying Home Leaving Violence program.

The NSW Government is continuing to work to improve ways in which technology may be used to enhance people's safety, and will engage with the wider community to deliver an integrated approach to using technology to address domestic and family violence.

The NSW Government is committed to ending domestic and family violence, and my appointment as the first Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, demonstrates the Government's commitment to tackling violence against women. The government is taking a whole-of-community approach to respond to, and prevent domestic violence.

Last year, the Premier and I announced a \$60 million package to target perpetrators and support women, men and children who have experienced domestic and family violence. The package includes:

- New Police Domestic Violence High-Risk Offender Teams to target perpetrators and reduce the rate of reoffending.
- Domestic and Family Violence Suspect Target Management Plans that will put offenders on notice.
- Mandated Behaviour Change Programs to make perpetrators address their behaviour.
- An increase in crisis accommodation support.
- A stronger response to sexual assault with an increase in the number of qualified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners in high-risk rural and regional communities in NSW.

In addition, the NSW Government has developed the nation's first Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme pilot. Under the scheme, a person who has concerns about his or her partner would be able to make an application to the NSW Police for information on whether their partner has a history of such violence.

The NSW Government is developing a Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint to improve responses to victims and perpetrators of domestic and family violence in NSW. To inform the development of the Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint, the Government has sought feedback about what works in the current system and possible areas of improvement through a public consultation process. Feedback received through the consultation will help inform the next stage of domestic and family violence reform in NSW.

For further information about these and other NSW Government Domestic and Family Violence initiatives, please visit [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Women NSW on, 9461 7100 or via email at [womennsw@moh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:womennsw@moh.health.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pru Goward', written in a cursive style.

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