

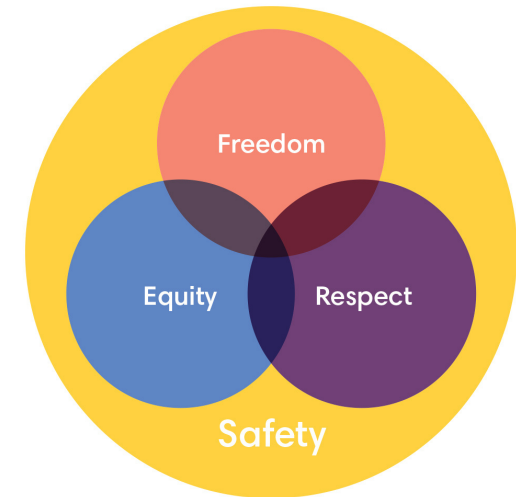


State Election 2022

Lives are on the line

As the 2022 state election draws nearer, the time is now for our political representatives to go beyond promises without action when it comes to ending gender-based violence.

This election, many of our stakeholders have told us that they are waiting to hear policies and pledges before they make their choice.



Community snapshot

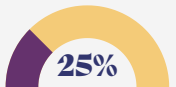
In February 2022, we asked sector members and subscribers what matters the most to them in the lead-up to the March state government election.

Specialist knowledge

Over a third (35%) of survey participants are workers in specialist domestic, family and sexual violence services.



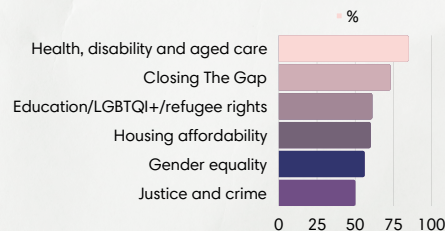
Lived experience



One in four survey participants have lived experience of domestic, family and sexual violence

Our concerns

Issues affecting voting intentions this election



As the peak body for domestic, family and sexual violence services, Embolden represents people working on the front line; the essential workers helping people deal with what has become known as the 'shadow pandemic'.

Our members and allies have spoken and it is clear: we need a state government that will increase funds and support prevention strategies, safe housing and specialised service providers at a scale and seriousness that reflects reality.

There are thousands of women and children living this reality in every community – every electorate – across this state. So many South Australians have lived experience of family and sexual violence. It is critical to empower and support people to recover from trauma; each and every one of us deserves respect, safety and self-determination.

About Embolden

We are South Australia's peak body of domestic, family and sexual violence services. We lobby and advocate for women's rights to respect, safety and self-determination.

This means we:

- represent providers of specialist services in the domestic, family and sexual violence and related sectors, including services that work with men who use violence against women and Aboriginal specialist services
- consult and collaborate with government and others on issues relating to gendered violence and women's safety
- provide policy advice and submissions
- coordinate events and community action promoting women's rights to freedom, equity and respect

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Embolden's solutions for systemic problems

Embolden's members and supporters include people who work in specialist domestic, family and sexual violence services and those with lived experience of abuse. They include First Nations community leaders, LGBTQI+ and gender diverse folk, people with disability and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The action they identify as critical falls into three areas: prevention strategies, safety and specialist services. Stronger support will save lives.

Promote prevention strategies

- Commit to long-term, whole-of-community domestic, family and sexual violence prevention (DFS) initiatives with year-on-year additional funding of at least 10% equivalent of violence response service delivery
- Sustainable funding for lived experience/survivor advocacy programs, including a minimum \$100,000 per year to support Voices for Change as media and policy experts with lived experience
- Establish state-wide specialist coordination and program support for community-based prevention initiatives across all settings

Invest in safety

- \$5m per year to ensure the sustainability and efficacy of the ten regional safety hubs through the employment of skilled specialist workforce linked with the established sector
- \$361m per year to increase public and social housing stock by 3270 homes in four years
- Implement in full all 16 recommendations of Embolden's Position Paper on Housing & Homelessness
- Increased funding for healing and recovery programs, including financial empowerment and independence, and trauma counselling support
- Increased funding for early intervention services, including those for children affected by DFS

Support specialist services

- A state government that will advocate for an increase in Commonwealth funding for flexible, sustainable and responsive specialist DFSV services that meet demand and are separate from the general homelessness funding pool
- Commit to an increase to overall baseline funding for frontline specialist services, housing services and services for men who harm and exercise coercive control over women
- Increased crisis support funds and stability
- Increased funding to ACCO (especially specialist women's services) to support communities impacted by gendered violence
- Funding for co-designed programs to reach groups facing challenges in engaging with services, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, culturally and linguistically diverse, LGBTQI+, women with disabilities, children and young people
- Well-rounded support and funding for wraparound services and programs

