



STATEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DFSV RECOVERY ALLIANCE

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The Centre for Women's Economic Safety (CWES) has welcomed the establishment of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) Recovery Alliance and backed its calls for governments at all levels to provide policy and funding support for services that support women to rebuild their lives.

The mission of CWES is to prevent economic abuse in the context of family violence and reduce its impacts. Economic abuse is a common but under-recognised part of family violence which undermines financial safety and limits options for recovery.

"The consequences of family violence are multi-faceted and long-term," says CWES Founder Rebecca Glenn. Economic abuse often results in victims having less money, facing drawn out legal processes, housing instability, fewer employment options - and this all makes it very difficult to rebuild your life after abuse."

CWES supports the Alliance's call for a range of trauma specific evidence-based therapies of to be available under the Medicare Benefits Schedule.

"Without money, women are too often forced to choose between ill health or food on the table. That's not a choice anyone should have to make."

"There's an assumption that life will start to get better when you leave an abuser, that is often not the case," said Ms Glenn. "Recovery is not a state of being you reach at some point. It is a process that often continues for the rest of your life and financial safety is a key enabler of that process."

The CWES is a member of the [DFSV Recovery Alliance](#).