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\$100 MILLION DELIVERED FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

Women in Castle Hill will be further supported with measures to keep them safe across society, following a \$100 million investment in Women's Safety programs as part of the 2022/23 NSW Budget.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the investment in Women's Safety is a game changer for local women.

"The Safer Cities program is delivering walkable and connected streets through improving lighting infrastructure to ensure women can walk home at night, without fear for their personal safety," Mr Williams said.

"In addition, an additional \$69.6 million investment in Domestic Violence related support means local women impacted by domestic violence will have faster and better access to support services.

"The establishment of the Respect at Work taskforce also ensures that local women can go to work without fear of being sexually harassed, through improved guidance and support for businesses and workers on their rights, responsibilities, and obligations to provide a safe work environment.

Today's announcement includes:

- \$69.6 million towards Domestic Violence related supports, including an expansion of the Safer Pathways program and the expansion of Audio-Visual Link (AVL) facilities in NSW;
- \$30 million in the Safer Cities program to improve lighting infrastructure in public places and ensure Women feel safe to walk home after dark; and
- \$4.8 million towards the establishment of the Respect at Work Taskforce

This is in addition to the \$687 million over four years delivered as part of the 2021/22 NSW Budget towards Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence which continues to be rolled out and is providing wraparound support for local women impacted by violence.

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