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Public have their say on a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme for NSW

Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward and NSW Attorney General Gabrielle Upton, today thanked the public for their feedback and suggestions to the public consultation into the development of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) in NSW.

“The prevention of domestic and family violence continues to be a priority for the NSW Government and the DVDS will help by informing people of their partner’s history of domestic violence offending, so that they can make informed choices,” Ms Goward said.

“We have received dozens of submissions from individuals and organisations during the consultation process which ran from 21 May to 19 June.

“The public and experts from the sector were asked to participate in the consultation process which will help inform the model and guide the implementation of the DVDS in the state.”

As part of the consultation process, over 60 representatives from across non-government and government organisations took part in a roundtable held at Parliament House to have their say on the scheme.

Ms Upton thanked all of the stakeholders who took part in the consultation for their ideas and insights on the DVDS.

“Government does not have all of the answers to the toughest questions. By collaborating with the best and most experienced minds, we are helping to ensure the DVDS delivers for people at risk,” Ms Upton said.

Ms Goward said that the Government also held discussions with stakeholders from various community groups to ensure their specific concerns were heard, including people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Indigenous backgrounds and people with disability.

“The DVDS is a significant step towards safer homes for families in NSW,” Ms Goward said.

Following the consultation, the NSW Government will finalise the model for the scheme, which will be piloted in four Police Local Area Commands.