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Calling for Bipartisan Approach to Domestic Violence

Prior to last year’s Territory election the CLP issued a Women’s Policy document which included a commitment to establish a review process for domestic violence deaths.

Shadow Attorney General, Lynne Walker, today called on the Mills Government to implement their promised Domestic Violence Death Review process to compile and interpret detailed data relating to domestic violence, homicides, and other deaths that have resulted from domestic violence or abuse.

“We offer our wholehearted support in implementing this promise,” Ms Walker said.

“The tragic events of this week have only highlighted the importance of addressing domestic violence from as many angles as possible.

“The data collected through the review process will give agencies, as well as community and health organisations, a greater understanding of the causes and true impact of domestic violence.

“Importantly this work will also inform new policies and assist to improve services and the responsiveness of government agencies.

“It is well understood that alcohol is a key factor in the scale and incidence of domestic violence, but more data can only be beneficial in improving our understanding and response to domestic violence in the Territory.

“We offer our support and encourage Acting Chief Minister, Robyn Lambley, to implement the review process without delay.”

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