TAKING A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

25 November 2013

Attorney-General John Elferink participated in Darwin's White Ribbon Day march to take a stand against domestic violence in our community.

White Ribbon is one of the most significant male-led movements to end men's violence against women.

Mr Elferink said the Country Liberals Government is committed to addressing the unacceptably high level of domestic violence in the Northern Territory.

“This Government is developing a comprehensive domestic violence reduction strategy that will incorporate ten agencies and the expertise of the non-government sector,” Mr Elferink said.

“We must establish the core of the problem while also developing the best possible way to reduce domestic violence.”

Minister for Women’s and Men’s Policy Bess Price said White Ribbon Day aims to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to violence against women by engaging boys and men to lead social change.

“Strengthening social values, social cohesion and leadership are all crucial to addressing family and community violence,” Mrs Price said.

“Our men need to be role models for the next generation. The cycle of violence needs to be broken.

“I’ve lost too many friends and family to violence. The impact of the community is horrific and widespread and yet it still continues.

“We need to break the silence about violence against families. Everyone has the right to feel safe and secure in their own home.”

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