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Royal Commission begins community consultations

The Royal Commission into Family Violence will begin its targeted five-week community consultation program on 20 April 2015.

The bulk of the community consultations will involve people directly affected by family violence and those who work with people affected by family violence. The sessions, which will be group-based, are being held in metropolitan Melbourne and across regional Victoria.

Anyone whose experiences and ideas may assist the work of the Royal Commission in developing practical recommendations for change should call 1800 365 100 to register their interest in attending a session. People from all backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to register.

Over 30 community consultation sessions will be held across Victoria. Spaces are limited and the Royal Commission will not be able to visit all areas of the state.

Community consultations are just one of the ways in which the Royal Commission is gathering views and information. The Royal Commission also invites individuals and organisations to make written submissions. An issues paper, which can be found on the Royal Commission's website, has been developed to help guide those wishing to make a written submission. Anyone needing assistance in preparing a submission, should call 1800 365 100 or send an email to enquiries@rcfv.com.au.

The Royal Commission into Family Violence also expects to hold public hearings in Melbourne in the middle of 2015. The focus of the public hearings will be on examining and evaluating strategies, frameworks, policies, programs and services.

For more information, call 1800 365 100 or go to www.rcfv.com.au.

Quotes attributed to Commissioner Marcia Neave

'This inquiry is predominantly a policy-based investigation focused on what recommendations can be made to influence generational change to prevent and respond to family violence'.

'Community consultations will provide an opportunity for individuals and organisations to express their views and provide their ideas to us in an open and informal way'.

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