



Dear Commissioner

RE: Submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence

I am writing on behalf of the Sunbury electorate to advise you of the devastating impacts of family violence in the local community.

Physical and emotional violence against a family member, friend or loved one is the ultimate betrayal of trust and breach of basic human rights.

People have the right to live freely and without fear of violence however we know that this is not occurring and that family violence is increasing.

Since being elected I have met with many community groups who have discussed social isolation, drugs and violence within the community. They have expressed grave concerns about the short and long term impacts of violence on individuals and our community as a whole.

Last year in Victoria police recorded more than 68,000 family violence incidents. This was an increase of 8.2% on the 2013 figures and a 70.2% increase since 2010.

Locally figures show that the Hume Municipality is above average assault and related offences, stalking, harassment & threatening behaviour offences and sexual Assault and related offences.



This is of very serious concern to me.

I thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence and I am proud that the Andrews Labor Government is taking the necessary steps to address this critical issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Josh Bull', written in a cursive style.

Josh Bull MP

Member for Sunbury