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Dear Premier Mike Baird

I am writing on behalf of the Australian Federation of Graduate Women NSW (AFGW) to draw your attention and that of your Government to the issue of domestic violence in our community, which, we are told, claims the life of one woman each day in our country. Related to this is the withdrawal/re-direction of funding for refuges for women seeking to flee from their unsafe and unpeaceful homes.

The AFGW NSW is an affiliate of the national AFGW Inc. Since 1922 graduate women have worked through the federation to promote the empowerment of women and girls through education, and towards the aim of peace.

We would ask that funding be increased to provide appropriate shelter and support for these victims. We ask, further, that funds be set aside to research the causes of this crime and to rehabilitate its perpetrators.

However, as a matter of urgency, we ask that appropriate legal resources be set in place so that victims have immediate options to protect and care for them and their children.

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