



Joint Media Release

Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion Member for Parkes Mr Mark Coulton MP

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\$1.5m to reduce family violence in Bourke

The Coalition Government will provide up to \$1.5 million for a tailored project to address family violence experienced by Indigenous women and children in Bourke.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion, and the Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton, said the funding formed part of the \$25 million Indigenous-focused package under the Third Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*.

"I am pleased to announce this support for Birrang, a local community service with specialist experience in supporting Indigenous families," Mr Coulton said.

"The funding will deliver family-focused case management for Indigenous families impacted by family violence, as well as supporting perpetrators to encourage behaviour change."

Birrang CEO, Debbie Maguire, said: "We are really pleased to be given this opportunity to work with the community and our partner Maranguka on this important issue."

Minister Scullion said in total, \$18.9 would be invested in eight Indigenous community organisations across Australia to deliver a range of services, including trauma-informed therapeutic services for children, services for perpetrators to prevent future offending and intensive family-focused case management.

"We know that community-based, culturally-appropriate solutions are required to reduce the rate of family violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children," Minister Scullion said.

"We have actively sought the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on how best to address family violence.

"Birrang has been identified based on its expertise, as well as local needs in the community.

"I commend Birrang for its important work, and look forward to hearing more as the organisation's project progresses."

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