

MEDIA RELEASE



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Family Planning Victoria welcomes bold new Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy

Family Planning Victoria (FPV) congratulates the Andrews Labor Government on the announcement of the State's landmark strategy released on International Women's Day 2017.

This bold new Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy recognizes the link between women's access to reproductive and sexual health choices and the impact on advancing gender quality.

"Women's reproductive and sexual health issues are often neglected and poorly-understood. We know we need to do more to improve access to these services, and that's exactly what this Victorian first plan will achieve." Said Jill Hennessy, Victorian Minister for Health.

This Strategy acknowledged the tireless work that FPV currently provides in meeting the sexual and reproductive health needs of all Victorians.

FPV is excited to announce that in line with a key aim of the strategy to expand existing services, the Victorian Government has provided support for its important work with people aged under 25 years.

"At Family Planning Victoria we are very pleased with the release of the long awaited Reproductive and Sexual Health Strategy. This will provide critical guidance to enhance the work of our organisation and, more broadly, the work of the sexual and reproductive health sector." said Claire Vissenga, CEO of Family Planning Victoria.

Family Planning Victoria looks forward to working together with the Victorian Government to achieve the momentous goals set out in the strategy.

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Family Planning Victoria is a leader in sexual and reproductive health care, education and advocacy. Our vision is to improve reproductive & sexual health and wellbeing for everyone in Victoria and beyond.

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