



Working together to eliminate sexual violence

Goals from the inaugural Louise Nicholas Day to Review Responses to Sexual Violence

31 March 2014

All of the goals listed below were supported by a majority of participants who attended the Louise Nicholas Day launch at the Grey Lynn Library Hall 30 March 2014.

*(Although Elisabeth McDonald's goals were not read at the launch we believe the hui would have supported these goals).

Dr Kim McGregor

- Funding in this year's budget to rebuild capacity and gaps in infrastructure of specialist services – especially for prevention and frontline survivor services for all –including female/male/children/young people/adults/specialist Kaupapa Maori approaches/ Pacifica approaches / all cultures/ LGBTQIT/those with disabilities – to a minimum of \$10 million this year and then increased annually in a staged approach until the goal of providing easy access to the full range of specialist sexual violence intervention services all communities in Aotearoa is reached.
- A comprehensive ten-year plan of action on sexual violence agreed to across political parties to implement the Taskforce for Action on Sexual Violence (July 2009) recommendations.

Louise Nicholas (National Sexual Violence Survivor Advocate)

- Easy access to fully funded specialist trained sexual violence services throughout the country.
- Specialist courts for crimes of sexual violence.

Kathryn McPhillips (HELP Auckland)

- Five-year plan of action on sexual violence.
- \$12.5 million in this year's budget.
- Resourcing for Kaupapa Maori approaches.

Russell Smith (Korowai Tumanako)

- Resources for offender treatment groups and survivor specialists to coordinate on interventions to sexual violence.
- Mainstream Maori practices and processes.
- More funding to Kaupapa Maori services.
- Better sexual violence prevention education in rural communities.

Tusha Penny (NZ Police)

- To build trust and confidence in NZ Police force
- National consistency in Police policy and in access to specialist sexual violence services in all parts of New Zealand.
- Police-owned recommendations from the Taskforce for Action on Sexual Violence to be implemented by March 2015.
- The establishment of specialist sexual violence courts.

Alfred Ngaro (National Party)

- To advocate for better resourcing for counselling through ACC.
- Ensuring that support is accessible to and reaches the whole community – culturally appropriate services - all ethnicities.
- To get specialist teams working together.
- Teach men how to have respectful relationships and how to respect women.

Jan Logie (Greens)

- To contribute to Select Committee Inquiry in to Sexual Violence Services Funding report and make sure that recommendations are implemented.
- Establishing a whole-of-government approach to sexual violence with a central resourcing body.
- Fully fund core services from prevention through to intervention through to treatment.
- Support Kaupapa Maori model of working.
- Research and development funding for communities who are under-served.
- Ensure Law Commission consultation on alternative trial processes is seen through and recommendations implemented.

Carol Beaumont (Labour)

- Long term, comprehensive, well-resourced, collaborative community strategy to deal with sexual violence which has cross-party support.
- Adequate funding for immediate needs as well as long term strategy.
- Taking lessons from overseas models of change, particularly those in the UK and Australia.
- Review and reform criminal justice system to make it easier for survivors to seek justice.
- Make sure that existing recommendations are implemented.

*** Associate Professor Elisabeth McDonald (Law Victoria University)**

- Funding of independent specialist sexual violence advisors in all parts of the country who would work with victim/survivors from their first point of contact with any relevant agency and would also assist them in deciding what resolution process to follow and support them through any dealings with police/prosecutors/ACC/doctors/therapists etc
- Funding for lawyers to represent complainant's interests regarding disclosure of information about them to the defendant, and during admissibility decisions about the use of the complainant's previous sexual history.
- Funding for nationwide ongoing public education programmes aimed at preventing sexual violence.
- The establishment of a specialist sexual violence court (where all those involved have received training in the dynamics of sexual violence).