PETITION: Strategies to Stop Violence Against Women

To: The Honourable Speaker and the Members of the House of Representatives
Five years after the introduction of the 'National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022', the statistics for women experiencing violence in Australia have now increased to one woman in three (ABS, Australian Crime Statistics, Our Watch).
25% of Australians believe it is alright for a man to hit a woman – Hannah Grant, Our Watch 2015.
We urge immediate action by the House of Representatives on the following:

1. *All Australian states and territories (not just NSW and Vic) introduce ongoing mandatory school and TAFE programs to change cultural attitudes towards violence against women*
2. *Funding for an ongoing Australia wide advertising and media campaign (billboards, newspaper, TV, radio, social media…) to broaden public awareness and responsibility*
3. *More refuges provided for women and children – 50% of women and children are being turned away from refuges in Australia (Jess Hill, ABC Radio National Reporter in The Monthly 14/3/15)*
4. *A large increase in funding for men's behaviour and family relationship programs in all states*

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Aim: **10,000 SIGNATURES** by International Women's Day - 8 March 2016. The petitions will be presented to the Federal Government in Canberra

YOU CAN HELP!

- Ask friends, family, co-workers, neighbours to sign - Email the petition to your networks - Ask people to display the petition

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