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# Third Action Plan — National Priority Area Three

## Greater support and choice

Women and children who experience violence need pathways of support that prioritise their safety, minimise disruption to their lives and provide choice – including the choice to remain in their home.

Accessing appropriate support services is of particular concern for Australia’s most vulnerable women. This includes women with disability, women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Under the Third Action Plan, national principles for risk assessment for victims and perpetrators, taking into consideration risks present for children and other family members, will be developed and implemented.

## Key national actions

* Improving the quality and accessibility of services for women with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.
* Developing a national workforce agenda to improve frontline service responses to respond to violence against women and their children.
* Strengthening accommodation options and supports for women and children escaping violence.
* Enhancing services in the family law system for families experiencing violence.

### More information

For more information on the priority areas or the Third Action Plan, visit the [National Plan website](http://plan4womenssafety.dss.gov.au/).