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**Minister for Women**  
**Minister for the Prevention of**  
**Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXPERTS GATHER TO SHAPE DISCLOSURE SCHEME**

Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward, and Attorney General Gabrielle Upton will today host roundtable discussions with key stakeholders on Australia's first Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS).

Up to 60 participants from across non-government and government organisations have been invited to take part in the consultation process.

Ms Goward said the NSW Government was delivering on its key election commitment to pilot the DVDS which will empower people to find out if their partner has a history of domestic violence offending.

"Research demonstrates domestic violence is rarely a one off incident but is more commonly a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviour," Ms Goward said.

Ms Upton said the roundtable discussions will ensure key stakeholder have their say on the scheme.

"By bringing the key stakeholders around the table to talk, we are helping to ensure the DVDS gives information to people at risk so they can make good decisions," Ms Upton said.

NSW residents are also encouraged to have their say on the DVDS Discussion Paper.

To view the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme Discussion Paper and provide feedback, visit [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/).

The public consultation will close at 5pm, Friday 19 June 2015.