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PROJECTS ACT TO PREVENT VIOLENCE

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward today announced the successful tenderers who will share in over \$500,000 for the rollout of projects to assist in breaking the cycle of domestic and family violence.

The prevention projects will work with Aboriginal high school girls, early childhood education and care centres, NRL development squads, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) communities.

Ms Goward said the projects would help to reduce the likelihood that someone may become either a victim or a perpetrator of domestic and family violence.

“To free communities from these destructive behaviours we need to empower people with knowledge on what domestic and family violence is, why it is not acceptable and how they can protect themselves and prevent these violent behaviours from happening in the first place,” Ms Goward said.

The four successful tenderers who will deliver the projects are Women’s Legal Services NSW, Early Childhood Australia, Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia, and ACON.

The Women’s Legal Services NSW project will promote respectful relationships for Aboriginal girls in secondary schools with a specific focus on sexual cyber bullying.

The Early Childhood Australia project will develop three free online learning programs on positive relationships between fathers and their children, sexual development and respectful relationships for use in early childhood education and care settings.

Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia will collaborate with the NRL to deliver a Sex and Ethics Program in a number of NSW clubs.

ACON's prevention project will focus on supporting the development of awareness within the LGBTI community to recognise the difference between healthy and abusive relationships.

The new funding initiative is part of the NSW Governments five year domestic and

family violence reform strategy, *It Stops Here: Standing Together to End Domestic and Family Violence*.