

# #SmashTheAbleism

## End Violence Against Women With Disabilities



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**Action 1:** Embed an intersectional lens across the entirety of the fifth National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children.



**Action 2:** Provide comprehensive, government-funded disaggregated data on women, girls, feminine identifying and non-binary people's experiences of violence.



**Action 3:** Address ALL forms of gender-based violence, including those specific to women with disabilities, in the fifth National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children.



**Action 4:** Introduce national legislation that abolishes the practice of forced sterilisation and introduces a redress scheme for all those who have been subjected to this gross human rights violation.



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**Action 5:** End the use of forced contraception and invest in inclusive and accessible resources and supports which empower women with disabilities to make their own decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.



**Action 6:** End practices of forced abortion and implement a national review of systems and practices, including the child protection system, that engage with women with disabilities throughout pregnancy, birth, and parenthood.



**Action 7:** Implement mandatory LGBTIQ+ and disability inclusivity training and service provision in the healthcare sector, helping drive us towards a world in which people living with HIV can be free from stigma and discrimination.



**Action 8:** Abolish segregated settings such as Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE's) and end the criminalisation of women with disabilities. Equally value and remunerate the labour of women, girls, feminine identifying and non-binary people with disabilities.



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**Action 9:** Invest in the leadership of women, girls, feminine identifying and non-binary people with disabilities. Our voices need to be heard and included so that we can lead on violence prevention for our community.



**Action 10:** End substitute decision-making arrangements and violent Guardianship laws, and implement supported decision-making practices. Co-design safeguards built to replace these systems with women with disabilities.



**Action 11:** Embed the voices of women with disabilities in all work around gender-based violence. This must include redefining family and domestic violence by creating a national definition that fully encompasses the broad range of people who perpetrate violence, including carers.



**Action 12:** Include screening questions for brain injury in family violence risk assessments and invest in ongoing supports for women, girls, feminine identifying and non-binary people who acquire disabilities through acts of gender-based violence.



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**Action 13:** Acknowledge victim-survivors as experts by experience and embed their voices across the fifth National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children.



**Action 14:** Work in co-design with women, girls, feminine identifying and non-binary people with disabilities to ensure primary prevention frameworks meaningfully speak to the experiences of our community.



**Action 15:** Follow the lead of the First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN) and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA). Abolish the racial, colonial and carceral violence that systems of ableism rely upon. Hand power and land back to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities so First Nations women with disabilities have access to their country.



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