## DRAFT DV STATEMENT

So much work is being done to rid Australia of family and domestic violence. Yet as the tragic events of recent days have reminded us, we have a long way to go.

Again, we have seen lives stolen, futures torn away. Every death of every woman and every child is its own universe of devastation. Communities are hurt, and the families and loved ones left behind carry the sorrow with them for the rest of their days.

As hard and heartbreaking as this news is, we cannot turn away from it. Our nation, our society, all of us owe those we have lost more than that.

Every statistic is a life, a face, a name. Someone who lived, someone who loved, someone who was loved.

Together, we can end it. We have to.

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