



National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Working Group

Communique: Meeting 3, 15 August 2023

The National Respectful Relationships Education Expert Working Group met for the third time on Tuesday, 15 August 2023. The meeting was chaired by Patty Kinnersly, Our Watch, with attendance from expert members and representatives from the Australian and state and territory governments, the National Catholic Education Commission, and Independent Schools Australia.

The third meeting provided members with the opportunity to participate in a presentation from Monash University Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre regarding progression of the rapid review into respectful relationships education delivery in schools. In addition, members discussed the scope of the National Respectful Relationships Education Framework and provided feedback on the proposed stakeholder engagement strategy.

The Department provided members with an update on the Respectful Relationships Education grant opportunity and invited feedback from members on the scope and eligible activities the grant is expected to cover. It was noted the Australian Government will determine the distribution of grant funding to states and territories and the non-government schooling sectors, with all jurisdictions and school sectors to receive a share of funding through this program.

Members also noted important connections between the Expert Working Group and the inquiry by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee into current and proposed consent laws which is due to be finalised in September 2023.

The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for 12 September 2023.