



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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TAKE ACTION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The launch of the second phase of the *Stop it at the Start* campaign is an opportunity to help break the cycle of violence against women and children, Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said today.

“This campaign encourages parents, family members, teachers, coaches and employers to look at their attitudes and have an open conversation about respect,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Excuses such as ‘boys will be boys’ will no longer be tolerated.

“It is shocking that one in three women has been a victim of physical or sexual violence, since the age of 15, by someone known to them.”

The \$30 million campaign is jointly funded by the Australian, state and territory governments through the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

“We’ve got to stop normalising disrespectful behaviours and attitudes,” he said.

“Children are keen observers of those around them so it’s important to expose them to positive influences where they live, work, learn and socialise.

“Have a chat with kids on the sporting field, host seminars at work and start some honest and open discussions.

“We need to stop fostering disrespectful behaviour from a young age and stop domestic violence in its tracks.”

Phase two advertising starts on Sunday 7 October, supported by online tools and resources. Visit www.respect.gov.au for more information.

If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence, call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 or visit www.1800RESPECT.org.au.

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