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Family violence call-out

Women's Health Grampians has listed in a submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence a lack of funding and data specific to the region as key barriers.

The regional organisation has called on the Royal Commission into Family Violence to back 'local' approaches to addressing the growing problem.

Its submission highlights key barriers to change in the region are lack of funding; lack of data specific to the Grampians region; lack of structural incentives and regulation to support social change; and recognition of primary prevention as separate to preventing 'further' violence.

The Grampians has particularly high-risk areas when compared to state averages, including in Ararat with a 70 percent higher risk and Horsham with more than double the state average.

Women's Health Grampians also reports that children in Ararat and Horsham are more than twice as likely to be present during family violence, compared to the state average.

Women's Health Grampians chief executive Marianne Hendron said the organisation was pleased to draw on its nine years of experience working in the prevention of violence against women to make a submission to the Royal Commission.

"The Royal Commission provides an opportunity for us to tell our story – what is happening at the local level – here in regional and rural Victoria – and in the Grampians in particular," she said.

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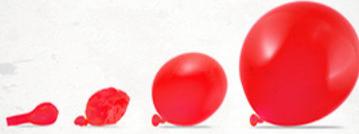
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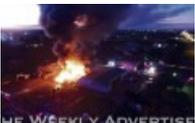
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