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Domestic Violence: Men Are 'Part of the Solution'

The International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH) today kicked off a new campaign against domestic violence.

'Part of the Solution' aims to involve men in raising awareness about the unacceptable and cowardly nature of violence within intimate relationships.

WiSH Chair, Dr Samara McPhedran, said "It may seem unusual for a women's lobby group to launch a campaign intended for a male audience. The reality is that domestic violence is not only a women's issue. It is a community issue, and our campaign recognises that men can make a great contribution to tackling the problem."

Men wanting to support the campaign are asked to take grassroots action, including simple measures like letter writing, contributing to victim support programs and charitable organisations, and talking to other men about domestic violence.

"For most men, the thought of acting violently towards an intimate partner is appalling. These men are part of the solution to violence. These men can go out and spread the word that domestic violence is not something to be tolerated, it is something to be utterly rejected and condemned."

WiSH highlight that although most victims of domestic violence are women, men who experience family violence should also have access to appropriate support.

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