

# Family Law Pathways Network Webinar

## Angela Lynch:

Reimagining just and safe outcomes for child and adult victims of domestic violence in the family law system in Australia



Wednesday, 23 September 2020  
1:00-2:30pm AEST

The Family Law Pathways Networks across Australia invite you to join a free webinar by leading expert Angela Lynch

Women's Legal Service QLD and more broadly Women's Legal Services across Australia have consistently advocated for the family law system to be more responsive to victims of domestic violence, over a number of decades.

Since 2019, WLSQ has called for the family courts in Australia to become "Domestic violence and Family courts".

In light of the tragic murders of Hannah Clarke and her children earlier this year, WLSQ called for a number of legal reforms, including the removal of the presumption of equal shared parental responsibility from the Family Law Act because of its danger to victims of violence and their children. Just recently, in response to these calls, the Honourable Graham Perrett MP Member for Moreton introduced a bill into federal parliament, on these terms.

Angela will speak to these issues and explore more fully the reasons behind the need for the change with specific reference to her learnings and experience as a member of the QLD Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board.

If there was a true shift in focus in the family law courts and a reimagining of justice for child and adult victims of domestic violence – what would this look like?

[\*\*Register Here\*\*](#)

**Angela Lynch AM** is a lawyer and the CEO of the Women's Legal Service (WLS) and across her 25 years with the service has made significant front-line contributions to the prevention of domestic and sexual violence. Angela has led and made important contributions to the development of law reform at a State and national level. Angela's expertise has been recognised through her appointment to the inaugural Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board in 2016, her reappointment in 2020 and as a member of the Queensland Sexual Violence Roundtable. Angela is a member of the practitioner engagement group with ANROWS, was an advisory member to the Australian Law Reform Commission's Review of the Family Law System, is currently an advisor to the ANROWS research on self-represented litigants in family law involving allegations of family violence and the AIC research Pathways to Intimate Partner Homicide. Angela was awarded the 2017 Women's Agenda leadership in the legal sector award and the Lawyer's Weekly 2017 Not for Profit Lawyer of the Year and the Women in Law excellence award. She recently received a Member of the Order of Australia medal (AM) for her services to domestic violence prevention.

Registered participants will be emailed a link for the webinar and will also have access to a recording of the webinar for a period of time following the live stream.