

MEDIA RELEASE**Tuesday, 9 November 2021****Barnardos launches survey on the impact of domestic violence on children in Australia**

Barnardos Australia has announced today the release of its national research survey into the effects of domestic and family violence during childhood.

Australians aged 18 years and over are invited to take part in a survey to explore their experience of being exposed to domestic and family violence as children and young people and the impact this has had on their day-to-day life. Participation is voluntary, responses are anonymous, and the survey takes only 8-10 minutes to complete.

The research project will contribute to an understanding of how children and young people can be best supported having been exposed to domestic and family violence and guide the development of effective engagement practices. Participants' insights will be invaluable in helping us to improve the way we respond to children's needs with programs and policy reform to assist in the protection and care of children.

Approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Sydney, the research is being headed by Barnardos Australia's Head of Knowledge, Outcomes and Research, Dr Robert Urquhart.

Dr Urquhart stresses broad participation in the survey is essential and that Barnardos is actively encouraging the sharing of the survey through their networks and those of sector partners. This unique research will support the work of Barnardos in developing a strong evidence-base for the experience of children and young people in Australia" Dr Urquhart said.

This quantitative survey will be complemented by a qualitative research project incorporating interviews with children and families in Barnardos programs who have experienced domestic and family violence. The results of both research projects will be compiled and released by Barnardos in 2022.

Find out more about this important and unique research [here](#).

Improve outcomes for children and young people impacted by domestic violence by taking the survey [here](#).

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About Barnardos Australia

Barnardos has provided services for children, young people and their families in Australia since 1883. We work with highly vulnerable children and young people to provide a safe home and permanent relationships for the whole of childhood. We care for children exposed to physical, emotional and sexual abuse, as well as neglect, exploitation and homelessness.

As one of the nation's leading child protection charities, Barnardos' vision is to empower every child in Australia to have the opportunity to reach their full potential.