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MEDIA RELEASE

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE NOW LAW

The Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) welcomes the federal legislation of 10 days of universal paid Family and Domestic Violence leave, after a decade of campaigning by unions, associations and activists.

AFPA President Alex Caruana said that the Albanese Government had righted a wrong after years of advocacy on the issue, and that the enactment of the law into the National Employment Standards was a big step forward in supporting victims of family and domestic violence.

“AFPA members witness family and domestic violence at the coalface, and often see victims place their economic security over their personal safety due to needing to work. Our own members can also be victims of family and domestic violence, so we welcome any initiative to support them during difficult times.

“This legislation will allow victims to remove themselves from dangerous situations and obtain help, seek legal advice, and enter welfare and trauma counselling without worrying about losing income and not being able to support their family,” Mr Caruana said.

Family and domestic violence is a significant health and welfare issue. The AFPA supports the recent budget announcements regarding women’s safety and the \$170 million commitment to fund 500 new frontline workers who will directly support women and children at risk.

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