

Positioning elder abuse within the Royal Commission into Family Violence's framework

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why?



Violence against women: key statistics

Research from the 2012 ABS Personal Safety Survey and Australian Institute of Criminology shows that both men and women in Australia experience substantial levels of violence.

Domestic and sexual violence is overwhelmingly committed by men against women.

89 women were killed by their current or former partner between 2008-10. ***This equates to nearly one woman every week.***



SINCE THE AGE OF 15:



1 in 6

Australian women had experienced **physical or sexual violence** from a current or former partner.



1 in 4

Australian women had experienced **emotional abuse** by a current or former partner.



Rosie Batty
Australian of the Year 2015
Family violence campaigner

Women's Safety Package to #StoptheViolence
Prime Minister's Media Release, 24 September 2015



Submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence

June 2015

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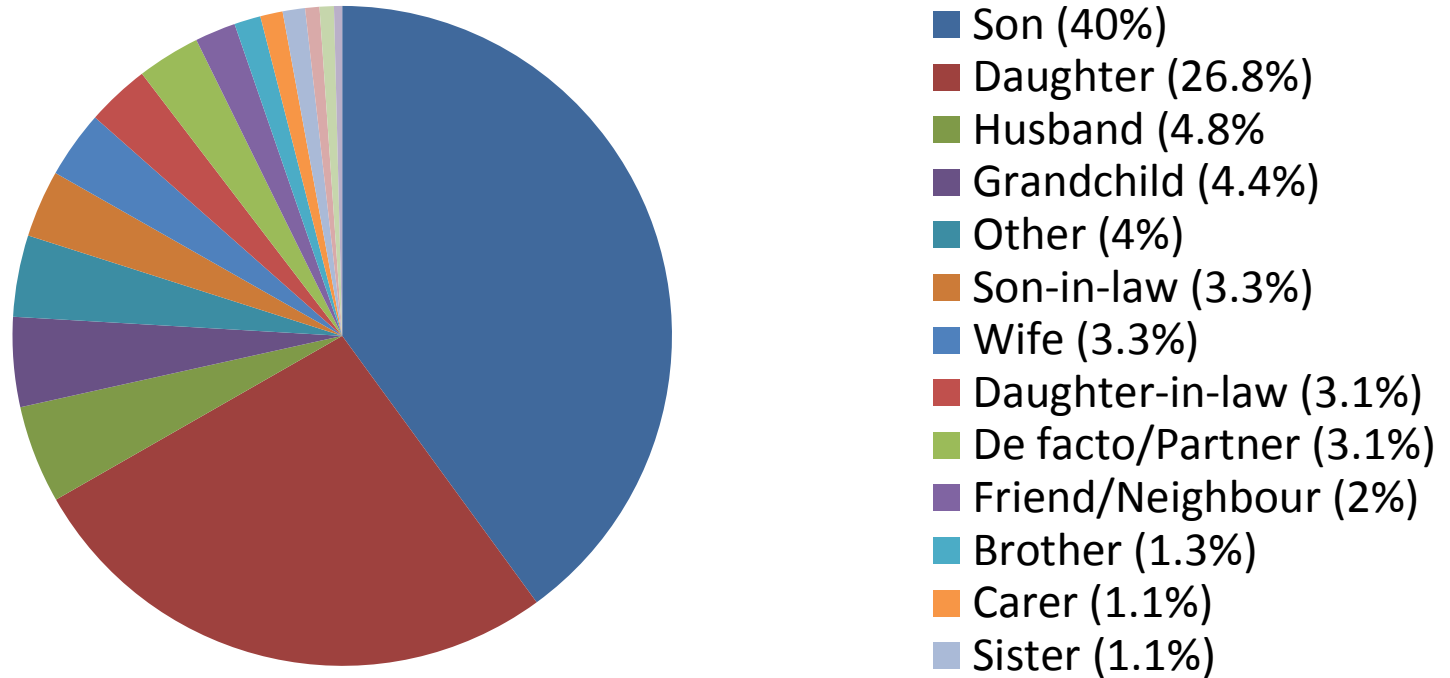
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Analysis of data about people seeking help from Seniors Rights Victoria: Relationship of perpetrator to the older person



Shining the spotlight on financial abuse



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what?

Our vision



Use “windows of opportunity”



Capacity building



Working together



Community awareness



Assertive outreach and investigations



Research





Royal Commission into Family Violence



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FAULKNER AO**
Deputy Commissioner



TONY NICHOLSON
Deputy Commissioner

Son deceived father to sign over family home



A 54 year old man convinced his father that he was signing a document guarantor a \$10,000 loan. However the document transferred the title of the family home to the son.

Other

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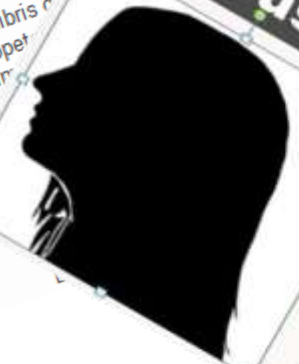
Cruel Grandson Demands Ransom for Grandmother's Cat



A 20 year old grandson has been extorting his grandmother's pension with the threat that he will kill her beloved "Missy".

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Daughter Locks Mother in House

A mentally ill daughter has been locking her mother in their home. Jane East suffers from a complex mental illness and has isolated her mother over the last year by locking her in a room at the back of the house.

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“Most elder abuse by family of victim, says report”

“Royal Commission into Family Violence hears issue of financial elder abuse”

“Royal Commission into Family Violence: Abuse of elderly under-reported by victims due to 'embarrassment, shame'”

“Older women suffer family violence in silence”

“Public awareness on elder abuse urgently needed, says seniors group”

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where to now?



Elder abuse roundtable

Identified priority:

Provide service responses that enable closer ties with the family violence sector while continuing to meet the unique needs of older people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, elder abuse

What does this mean?



Cross sectoral workforce development



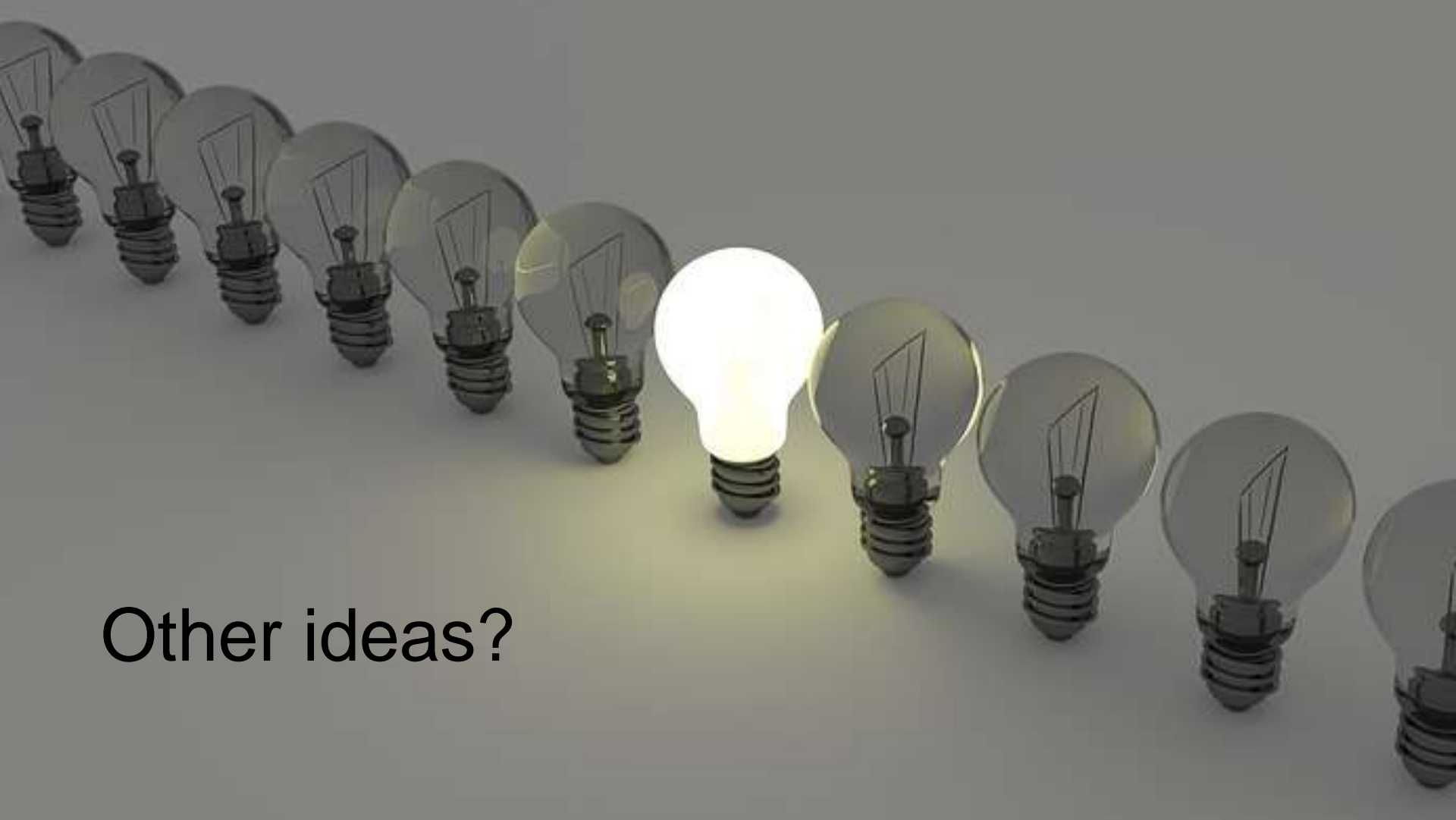
Strengthen networks



John Chesterman, Taking Control: Putting Older People at the Centre of Elder Abuse Response Strategies, Australian Social Work , 2015

Develop risk assessment tools





Other ideas?

THANK YOU

