

**PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
IMPROVING WOMEN'S SAFETY PROJECT
STATE AND TERRITORY FORUMS**

The Commonwealth Office of the Status of Women, under the Partnerships Against Domestic Violence initiative is conducting forums in each State and Territory to provide for the involvement of a broad range of people, organised around specific interests, issues and expertise, in considering the question of how to enable women and children to remain safely in their homes, whilst the perpetrator leaves.

The forums are structured into 2 rounds. The first round forums will address:

- Women's issues
- Diverse community issues
- Perpetrators issues

There will be one forum only in the second round, and will address legal issues.

Discussion during the forums will be based around:

- The results of the literature review proposing strategies and identifying barriers in each of these areas
- New concepts and ideas for consideration
- Good practice models, including tools and resources
- Risks to the safety of women associated with these strategies and ideas
- Criminal justice interventions
- Issues facing each jurisdiction individually that could influence the success of these initiatives.

The forum dates, times and venue for the Northern Territory are as follows:

Women's Issues	20 November 2002	1.00 – 4.00pm	Conference Room Ground Floor, Tourism House, Mitchell Street, DARWIN
Perpetrator's Issues	21 November 2002	9.00 – 11.00am	As Above
Diverse Communities	21 November 2002	11.30am – 1.30pm	As Above

REGISTRATION

Registration can be made via the Internet using the form on the project web-site, <http://www.hoi.com.au/iws/forums.htm>. If you do not have Internet access please phone Tanya Berry at Health Outcomes International to register. Contact details are 08 8363 3699.