

26th May 2021**Victoria Police Centre****311 Spencer St Melbourne, Tower 1, Level 27**

Sexual assaults and the issue of consent has again emerged as significant challenge across Australia in recent months, with recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics showing that sexual offences have been one of the few offences types to increase in recent years.

This ANZPAA Policing Forum will explore what's changing (and what isn't) with respect to sexual assaults and consent – set in the broader context of gender equality – before discussing practical actions Australian and New Zealand police could consider taking to position policing for the future.

Program

10:00	Welcome
10:15	Session 1 The evolving gender equality environment
	<p><i>Key themes</i> Gender equality, changing societal perceptions around sexual assault and consent, changing societal behaviours with the online world, victim vulnerability and consent.</p> <p><i>Format</i> Presentations, panel conversation, and audience Q&A</p> <p><i>Participants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natasha de Silva, Senior Policy Executive – Partnerships and International Engagement, Australian Human Rights Commission • Julie Inman Grant, Australian eSafety Commissioner • Professor Martine Powell, Director of the Centre for Investigative Interviewing, Griffith Criminology Institute • Melinda Tynan, Director Complex Violence and International Policy Section, Department of Social Services <p><i>Moderator</i> Assistant Commissioner Karen Webb APM, NSW Police Force</p>
12:30	Lunch & Networking
13:30	Session 2 Key policing challenges and practical action
	<p><i>Key themes</i> The criminal justice system, good policing practice and new initiatives, community trust.</p> <p><i>Format</i> Presentations, panel conversation, and audience Q&A</p> <p><i>Participants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona McCormack, Victims of Crime Commissioner, Victoria • Deputy Commissioner Tracy Linford APM, Queensland Police Service • Assistant Commissioner Jonathan Higgins APM, Tasmania Police • Detective Superintendent Stacey Maloney, NSW Police Force • Martin Hinton QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, South Australia <p><i>Moderator</i> Assistant Commissioner Brett Curran, Victoria Police</p>
15:15	Summary of actions and closing remarks