

Men's Behaviour Change Programs — Australia's Evaluated but Contested Response to Domestic Violence Perpetrators

Gender Equality · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 85/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Group-based Men's Behaviour Change Programs have run across Australia since the 1980s. A 2025 ANROWS brief found mixed effectiveness, but a funded study found savings up to AUD 6.7m per success; funded capacity covers only ~10% of Victoria's perpetrators.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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