



## THE DEATHS OF JENNIFER AND GRETL PETELCZYC WERE PREVENTABLE IF WESTERN AUSTRALIA HAD ADOPTED A SINGLE FINDING FROM THE VICTORIAN ROYAL COMMISSION

### Following the tragic death of Luke Batty, Victoria undertook a Royal Commission into Family Violence.

If just one of the recommendations from that Royal Commission was implemented, the deaths of this mother and daughter may have been prevented.

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**Victoria uses the world leading “MARAM Framework” when a victim contacts a service, a MARAM (multi-agency risk assessment and management) assessment is conducted for the victim.**

It is now known and widely reported that on March 31, the ex-wife of the shooter contacted the WA Police for assistance to retrieve her belongings from the house she once shared with her husband.

**If Western Australia was using the MARAM Framework the level of risk associated with this perpetrator would have been better understood and assessed at that opportunity.**

The assessment ensures that services are able to effectively and quickly identify, assess and manage family violence risk for organisations who are responsible for assessing and managing family violence including Police.

**The tool measures well known indicators for lethality for domestic violence victims and can assess the level of danger a perpetrator poses – even if he has never been physically violent - to his partner. The MARAM assessment includes the perpetrators access to weapons.**

Quotes attributed to Emma Husar, Chair, Domestic Violence Advocacy Aus:

***“We’ve seen the WA Government borrow legislation from Queensland recently with the rushed introduction of ‘Jacks Law’ to be responsive and responsible on knife crime.”***

*“Why when there are proven and available resources to help reduce the risk of death of women by male perpetrators of violence which have been widely available and have a proven positive impact on women’s safety, are they not being implemented here.”*

***“It is disappointing to hear Premier Cook, calling for a review into the gun laws and not a review into domestic violence. This man was on a mission to kill his ex-wife, with whatever means possible and the review he ought to be calling for is a Federal Royal Commission into Family Violence so that systems gaps can be addressed and Women in***

*WA are not lucking out in the postcode lottery of women's safety that is Australia, with our patch work state-by-state approach to this National Crisis."*



**Join the movement to end Domestic Violence  
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domestic violence.**

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## **ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY AUSTRALIA**

Domestic Violence Advocacy Australia is a lived experience expert network offering peer-to-peer support for victims to come together, to call for change, advocate to the Government and support each other. We empower each other to heal, to be safe, advocate for those who did not survive and for people who are currently living unsafe in their homes.

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