



THE NATIONALS *for Regional NSW*

Austin Evans MP

MEMBER FOR MURRAY



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10 DAYS PAID DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE FOR NSW PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES

The NSW Government will introduce 10 days of paid domestic and family violence leave per year for NSW public sector employees, including teachers, nurses and police in the Murray electorate from 1 January 2019.

Austin Evans, Member for Murray, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Pru Goward and Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations Dominic Perrottet said the NSW Government was ensuring victim-survivors of domestic violence had more resources and extra time to rebuild their lives.

“Employees may now use domestic violence leave to seek safe housing; attend related medical and legal appointments or organise alternative care and schooling arrangements for their children and will not have to exhaust all other forms of leave beforehand,” Mr Evans said.

“We have many wonderful frontline workers in Murray who will now be able to access this paid leave should they ever need it, in addition to a range of support services and accommodation options.”

“Paid work is critical in providing financial stability to people experiencing domestic and family violence, which is why the NSW Government is introducing this important reform to leave entitlements,” Ms Goward said.

“The new leave entitlement is yet another way the NSW Government continues to support victims of domestic violence, with NSW the only state in Australia to record a significant reduction in assault rates from 2008 to 2016.”

Mr Perrottet said the policy will come into effect with a Premier’s Memorandum on New Year’s Day.

“The introduction of an entitlement to 10 days paid leave acknowledges the significant and costly impact of domestic violence on victims and employers,” Mr Perrottet said.

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