

8 August 2017

To whom this may concern,

**RE: VicHealth Awards Application – Promoting Equity, Djerriwarrh Health Services**

I write to you in support of the VicHealth Awards entry for Promoting Equity, by Djerriwarrh Health Services.

Melton City Council is a key partner in the delivery of the Women Making It Happen campaign. This project aligns with a number of key strategies to help prevent violence against women in the City of Melton. These include:

- Melton City Council's Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 Strategy 1.2.4: Contribute to a gender equitable community to prevent violence against women
- Melton City Council's Preventing Violence Against Women and their Children Strategy 2013-2016

Djerriwarrh Health Services and Melton City Council have a productive partnership, and share a commitment to preventing violence against women and their children, and creating a gender equitable community. Both organisations are also signatories to the western region Preventing Violence Together partnership and the *PVT2030 Strategy*.

The City of Melton has some of the highest rates of family violence within the north-western region, and therefore a primary prevention approach to ending violence against women in our community through gender equity is paramount. The Women Making It Happen campaign shows a great example of empowering community to take a role in leading initiatives that work towards gender equity in our community.

I am supportive of this application and trust that you will enjoy learning more about this invaluable project that has been working towards promoting equity within the City of Melton

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Waters", with a long, flowing underline.

Kate Waters

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