

RECLAIM THE NIGHT DEMANDS

18th OCTOBER 2024

Gold Coast women demand the right to be safe in their homes and in the community.

Furthermore, we send the following demands to whoever becomes Queensland's state government after the election on 26th October.

- Increase and sustain core funding for Queensland specialist sexual assault services to ensure that all survivors, regardless of location, have timely access to specialist support and care.
- Expand safe, affordable, and culturally appropriate housing options for women, young women, and older women, who are survivors of sexual violence, including trauma-informed crisis, medium and long-term solutions.
- Support and fund First Nations-led responses to sexual and domestic violence, prioritising community-driven approaches that reflect cultural knowledge and self-determination.
- Provide resources for diverse communities to design and implement tailored responses to sexual and domestic violence, ensuring marginalised voices are represented and heard.
- Fund and support comprehensive prevention programs, including mandated relationships and sexuality education in schools, focusing on consent, respect, and healthy relationships.
- Adopt a whole-of-government approach to "Start by Believing"—ensuring that all sectors, from police to health services, respond to survivors with belief, empathy, and timely support.