



## **Senator the Hon. Marise Payne**

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### **National Summit on Women's Safety to go online**

The Morrison Government today announced that the National Summit on Women's Safety will be delivered virtually as a result of continued COVID-19 restrictions.

The Summit will still be held on 6 and 7 September 2021 and bring together experts, advocates and service providers from across Australia as well as people with lived experience of violence.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne said key sessions would be live-streamed to allow all Australians to engage with the Summit.

"While our preference was to hold the Summit in person, given the current COVID-19 situation, the event will now be held online to ensure that this important part of the consultation process for the next National Plan goes ahead," Minister Payne said.

The Summit will cover a broad range of issues including economic security and financial independence, perpetrator interventions, and responding to sexual violence.

Minister for Families and Social Services and Minister for Women's Safety, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston said the Summit was an important opportunity to put a national spotlight on our shared commitment to create a future where women and children live free from violence.

"The next National Plan will be an ambitious plan and address emerging and evolving issues such as technology-facilitated abuse and coercive control," Minister Ruston said.

Invited participants will be contacted by the event organiser. Further information on the Summit is available on the official website at [Womens Safety Summit \(eventsair.com\)](https://www.womenssafetysummit.com.au)

The live-stream will be available to watch on 6 and 7 September 2021 via <http://www.womenssafetysummit.com.au>

