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## **Aboriginal Housing Victoria becomes an accredited White Ribbon Workplace**

Aboriginal Housing Victoria is proud to announce its accreditation as a White Ribbon Workplace.

AHV joins with just three other Aboriginal organisations across Australia who have become White Ribbon Workplaces, including the Queensland Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

This brings the total number of White Ribbon accredited workplaces in Australia to 106, with a further 78 workplaces currently working towards accreditation.

The accreditation process is rigorous and challenging, with participating organisations required to demonstrate that they meet a range of criteria, including effective leadership.

Given the high rates of family violence within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities, AHV recognise the critical importance of taking steps to address this issue.

“We hope that White Ribbon accreditation will increase community confidence and show that we are committed towards ending family violence,” AHV CEO Darren Smith said.

“We are committed to working with other Aboriginal community controlled organisations, peak bodies and governments for lasting solutions that will create a safer place for our children and our communities.”

White Ribbon CEO Libby Davies said: “We congratulate all newly accredited workplaces on receipt of their accreditation. The diversity of organisations we are accrediting today, from small to large employers, all recognise that ending men’s violence against women is absolutely a workplace issue.”

*Aboriginal Housing Victoria is an independent, not-for-profit housing agency providing secure, affordable housing to over 4000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians.*

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