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Legal responses to non-consensual distribution of private sexual material

PANEL DISCUSSION

Victorian Women Lawyers welcomes you to take part in a discussion of the legal and policy responses to the non-consensual distribution of private sexual material. This is an issue that disproportionately affects women, and which many of us have only recently begun to understand as an emerging form of family violence and sexual assault.

Proposed reforms to the law intend to make it unlawful to share, or threaten to share, private sexual material. Our speakers will discuss such reforms and invite you to consider legal amendments within the broader context of promoting the safety of women, youths and children in Australia. Guests will also be invited to explore the potential for a broader policy approach, including funding on appropriate programs, encouraging corporate responsibility and community education.

DATE

Wednesday 6 April 2016

TIME

5:30pm: registration and light refreshments

6:00pm: panel discussion

LOCATION

Maurice Blackburn
Level 10, 456 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne

COST

Members	Free
Non-members	\$10

REGISTRATION

www.vwl.asn.au/events

PRESENTATIONS BY:

SUSAN MCLEAN



Susan is Australia's leading expert in the area of cyber safety. A member of Victoria Police for 27 years, she was the first Victorian Police officer appointed to a position involving cybersafety and young people. Susan is the most highly qualified of all the Federal Government's certified eSafety providers. She has completed advanced training in the USA and UK. Susan is regularly consulted by Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Google for input into their impact on Australian children in relation to safety and reporting. Susan's book, 'Sexts, Texts and Selfies- How to keep your child safe in the digital space', is the definitive guide for parents, carers and teachers.

TIM WATTS MP



Tim is the Federal Labor Member for Gellibrand. Tim recently introduced a Bill to Federal Parliament to criminalise the phenomenon colloquially referred to as "revenge porn". He also founded the Parliamentarians Against Family Violence friendship group in Canberra and is an active White Ribbon Ambassador. Prior to being elected in September 2013, Tim's experience included Solicitor at Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Senior Advisor to former Victorian Premier John Brumby and Deputy Chief of Staff to Senator Stephen Conroy. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Bond University, Master of Public Policy from Monash University and Master of Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics.

DR NICOLA HENRY



Nicola is a Senior Lecturer in Crime, Justice and Legal Studies at La Trobe University. Her research has focused on sexual violence and the law, including recent work on digital technologies and sexual violence. Nicola is currently Chief Investigator on a La Trobe University RFA Grant on "revenge pornography" in Victoria, as well as Chief Investigator on a Criminology Research Grant on revenge pornography in Australia. Nicola was previously Chief Investigator with Dr Anastasia Powell (RMIT University) on an Australian Research Council project examining how technologies are being used in connection with sexual violence, domestic violence and sexual harassment.

BELINDA LO



Belinda is the Principal Lawyer of the Eastern Community Legal Centre. After initial practice in family law litigation, Belinda has practiced community law for the last 15 years, primarily advocating for the rights of victims of family violence and sexual assault in her client work and advocacy for law reform and development. As part of this work, Belinda has developed an interest in the way that technology has served to perpetrate violence against women, particularly when women seek to leave an abusive relationship. Belinda also serves as the Chairperson of the Federation of Community Legal Centres, the peak representative body of community legal centres.