

## **Resource List**

Below we have included a short list of resources that you can use when sharing why you think we need alternative first responders and why they are important to you. This short list has organisations who have called for an alternative first responder to help **guide you, but you can share any other information that you would like.**

1. Beyond Survival, Flat Out & RMIT University – [Harm in the Name of Safety Report](#): called for alternative first responder initiatives to family violence and investment in community-based responses, including strengthening and funding new community-based services.
2. Victoria Legal Aid - [Feeling Supported. Not Stuck Report](#): recommend alternative first responders for children experiencing mental health crises and to address social and health needs.
3. Victoria Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC) - [Policy Position Paper. Police Misconduct and Accountability](#): recommended that police are not used as first responders to mental health crises and for immediate funding of 24-hour mobile mental health teams.
4. Change the Record – [Submission to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#): recommended funding expansion of existing community-controlled alternative first responder models and establish new community-controlled alternative first responder models and services.
5. Footscray Community Response – [Community Evaluation of the Footscray CBD Security Patrol Program](#): recommended the development of peer and community-run alternative first responder models for responding to mental health and substance use callouts. Alternative first responder models must replace police, security and other enforcement-based response models.
6. Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service & Koorie Youth Council – [Submission to Senate Inquiry into Youth Justice](#): recommended substantial, sustainable, and long-term resourcing and investment to Aboriginal-led organisations to deliver Aboriginal-led alternative youth justice responses.