



In support of

HeForShe

UN Women Solidarity Movement
for Gender Equality

The New Zealand HeforShe Launch is an exciting event. From my perspective as Chair of White Ribbon also as a Family Court Judge, the messaging here is important and I warmly support it.

Sadly, New Zealand has a profound and unacceptable domestic violence problem. What I see is the occurrence of abuse usually by men against women which I find inexplicable in a country as idyllic as ours. I see in many of the stories that women victims tell, an inequality in power and control, a perception by many men that they have the right to abuse because society either tolerates it or worse still promotes it.

By striving towards gender equality, I see a natural consequence as more respectful relationships and less belief that it is in any way acceptable for men to perpetrate domestic violence in the fashion which I see.

Judge Peter Boshier

Commissioner

Law Commission