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## **Parliament House will be lit orange to say NO to violence against women**

Australian Parliament House will be lit orange on 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women), along with Old Parliament House and the National Carillon in the Parliamentary Triangle. The ACT Government will illuminate light rail stops on 25 November, and the Malcolm Fraser Bridge and the Canberra Times fountain for the entire 16 days.

The illuminations were organized by The Zonta Club of Canberra Breakfast (ZCCB) during the UN Women's Orange the World campaign, which forms part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence commencing on 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) and culminating on 10 December (International Human Rights Day). Landmarks around the world are lit orange during the Orange the World campaign. This year marks the first time that Australian Parliament House has been lit orange.

Orange is the colour of UN SDG 5, which aims to achieve gender equality.

“39 women and girls have died so far in Australia this year due to domestic and family violence,” said ZCCB President Serina Bird. “COVID lockdowns have been difficult for many, and we know from supporting women as they leave refuges that there is a growing number of women requiring help and support in our community.”

The ZCCB provides home starter packs to women rebuilding after family and domestic violence. Each pack contains plates, bowls, knives and forks, a kettle, a microwave or vacuum cleaner, toaster, saucepans, frypans, mugs, glasses, kitchen utensils, linen and towels. [The project is supported by the Snow Foundation.](#)

On 10 December the campaign [will conclude with a moving ceremony commencing at 7am at Nara Park](#), at which participants will ring the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell once for each woman killed in Australia in 2022. The bell will also be rung to honour men, children, Indigenous Australians and New Zealanders who have died.

ZCCB is organizing a walk to view the illuminations beginning at Parliament House at 7.30pm on Friday, 25 November, concluding at the National Carillon.

Zonta is an international service club dedicated to empowering women through service and advocacy. [The Zonta Club of Canberra Breakfast](#) meets once a month. For further inquiries about the Zonta Says No campaign and Zonta's activities please contact Serina Bird on 0478 417 308 or on [zontacanberrabreakfastclub@gmail.com](mailto:zontacanberrabreakfastclub@gmail.com).