

Jane Mears



Dr. Jane Mears has been working as an academic researcher and teacher across the elder abuse and violence against women sectors since the 1980s. She has collaborated with the Federal and the New South Wales (NSW) governments and the community sector to advocate for older women experiencing abuse. In the 1990s, she was an advisor on the NSW Domestic Violence Strategic Plan, the Coordinator of the first National Domestic Violence Education Program, and a member of the NSW Committee on Abuse of Older People in their Homes. Dr. Mears has continued this

active input into NSW and Federal government policy through committee membership and numerous submissions to government inquiries. The most important aspect of her work is community activism. This has been focused on working with the Older Women's Network of NSW, where she has been consistently developing and implementing policies, practices, and programs to deal with violence against older women.