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Forced Marriage Australian Context





Forced Marriage Legislative Framework

- Criminalised since 2013
 - 2015 amendments expanded the definition of forced marriage, and increased penalties



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- Jurisdiction
- Preventing minors being taken overseas
- *The Commonwealth Marriage Act 1961*



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Community Awareness-raising





Legislative Framework Key Challenges

- Family-based crime and a form of gender-based violence
- Cultural sensitivities





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What's Next?



Questions?

