

“CHANGE THE COURSE” REPORT – RESPONDING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT/MISCONDUCT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

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Professor Wright’s presentation compared Queensland University’s individual Survey scores with that of the total study and the nature of sexual harassment incidents at university.

Additionally, she spoke of Queensland University responses to questions of:

- Knowledge of where to go within university to make a complaint about sexual assault > 93% had ‘some’ to no knowledge of where to go
- Knowledge on where to seek support/assistance within university regarding sexual assault > More than 90% had ‘some’ to no knowledge of where to go
- Knowledge of university policy on sexual assault > more than 90% had ‘some’ to no knowledge of where to go

As a response to the Survey, the University established the following:

- Working group
 - Students
 - Colleges
 - Academic expertise
 - Investigative expertise
 - Trauma experts
 - Student services
- Trauma informed principles
- Sexual Misconduct Unit
- First Responders Network
- Education campaigns

Post-Report:

- Accepted Recommendations
- Created V-C Advisory Group

In conclusion, the University recognises that it must do more to prevent and address unacceptable behaviour. However, Professor Wright states that what is beyond their resolution is how to get a legal and social system that better serves the survivors of sexual misconduct.

See Professor Wright’s presentation [here](#)