



# Community Attitudes to Financial Abuse.

## Almost 40%

of the adult population

have experienced or know someone who **has experienced financial abuse.**



**26%** admit they **have experienced** some form of financial abuse.



And a further **12%** who **have not experienced** it themselves but state they know someone who has experienced or is experiencing financial abuse.

Nearly one in ten (9%) Australians,



the equivalent of nearly

# 1.8 million people,

admit to having been a perpetrator.



The research also revealed nearly **four in five Australians agree** that financial abuse is a widespread problem in Australia.

Of those **who have experienced financial abuse**, the most common financially abusive behaviours experienced include:



a perpetrator who uses all their partners wages for household expenses, while spending their own money only on themselves.



a perpetrator who hides assets.



a perpetrator who takes complete control of their partner's finances.



a perpetrator who refuses to contribute financially to their household.

In comparison to physical and verbal abuse, which are well documented and commonly known forms of violence, **the poll identified a severe lack of understanding of financial abuse.**



Of Australian adults **could not recall the support available.**



The overwhelming majority **believe there are barriers in seeking support.**



Of those who have experienced financial abuse, sadly only **half have sought help.**

## CommBank Next Chapter

