

## Executive Summary

On 30 April 2025, the Hon Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence introduced the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 into the Queensland Parliament. The Bill was referred to the Education, Arts and Communities Committee for detailed consideration.

The Bill proposes amendments to the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012* (DFVP Act) to improve productivity for operational police officers when responding to DFV, provide victim survivors with immediate protections against respondents, and make other technical amendments to DFV legislation. The Bill also proposes to amend the *Evidence Act 1977* to expand the video-recorded evidence-in-chief (VREC) framework.

Key objectives of the Bill are to:

- establish a framework for police protection directions (PPDs) to improve efficiencies for police responding to DFV and empower police officers to administratively issue immediate long-term protection directions without filing an application for a proceeding before a court
- support an electronic monitoring 2-year pilot program for high-risk DFV perpetrators, with devices to operate 24/7 and alerts to be monitored and responded to. Safety devices will also be available to aggrieved persons and named persons
- simplify, streamline and expand the VREC framework to all Magistrates Courts in Queensland to support victim survivors of DFV when giving evidence
- strengthen the maintenance of the Approved Provider List, used by courts when making an intervention order that requires a respondent to attend an approved intervention program or counselling facilitated by an approved provider.

The committee received considered, and at times passionate, evidence from stakeholders providing a mixed range of views to the reforms in the Bill. The committee held public hearings in Mackay, Cairns and Brisbane, and undertook a study tour to learn of similar DFV response frameworks established in Tasmania.

The committee made 7 recommendations, found at page vi of this report.