

## Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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It's a priority of my role to listen to the QPU membership and initiate innovation that improves their working lives, today I can proudly say we took a major step forward that will create positive generational change.

So, when was a victim/survivor of domestic violence listened to regarding whether this would be helpful? This is part of the QPS job: to investigate a crime, follow through to our court system, and protect someone at risk. I have personally experienced domestic violence and was failed by the system and the officers involved because their job was not done properly, or the information collected was insufficient to have the matter dealt with correctly. This bill is about police making money doing a job that is not being done. This bill will cause more deaths but fewer breaches, as survivors are not as protected as before from previous PPOs.

To say you feel like a proud parent of this bill and that it protects the workload of sworn officers who "serve and protect" is cruel to survivors. Do sworn police have to wait until DV survivors are murdered to worry about paperwork and overload?

This is not about protecting innocent victims of domestic violence; it is about police who have three hours of training in DV. A police officer does not have enough training to make that call.

I have included a few examples, including the process for assault on a stranger, which iare properly investigated.

Even at a car accident that has caused injuries has to be fully look into and alot of paperwork needs to be done. And has to go to court.

Fighting in a public place, which includes a pub, can lead to court proceedings. If you are charged with an offence like affray, assault, or fighting in a public place, you will have to appear in court.

The process for police to charge an offender for assault on a stranger in Queensland involves investigation, evidence gathering, charging, and potentially court proceedings. The police will investigate the incident, take statements from the victim and witnesses, gather evidence, and potentially arrest the offender. If the evidence supports a charge, the offender will be charged, which can involve being given a summons to appear in court or being arrested and held until a court date.

Elaboration:

1. Initial Report and Investigation:

If a victim reports an assault to the police, they will investigate the incident, which may involve taking statements from the victim and any witnesses, gathering evidence such as photos of injuries or the crime scene, and collecting items like clothing.

2. Gathering Evidence:

Police may also collect evidence like medical records, CCTV footage, and any other items that can help establish what happened.

3. Charging the Offender:

If the police believe there is sufficient evidence to support a charge of assault, they will charge the offender. This can involve issuing a summons, a Notice to Appear, or an arrest.

4. Court Proceedings:

Once charged, the offender will be required to attend court. If the case goes to court, the prosecution will need to prove the elements of the assault charge, including that the offender's actions caused injury or threatened injury to the victim.

5. Victim's Role:

The victim may be asked to give a statement to the police, and may also be required to attend court as a witness. Victims of crime have certain rights, including the right to be kept informed about the case and the right to access support services.

6. Potential Penalties:

The specific charge of assault and the resulting penalties will depend on the severity of the assault and the offender's prior criminal history.

7. Bail:

The court will decide whether to grant bail to the offender, considering whether the offender poses a risk to the community if released.

The “Domestic & Family Violence Protection and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025” was introduced into the QLD Parliament providing for

the use of Body Worn Camera recordings (BWC) as evidence in chief for DFV matters and the introduction of Police Protection Directions (PPD) that will deliver instant protection for victims and their children streamlining the administrative process.

I’m not ashamed to say I felt like a proud parent being in the public gallery at Parliament for this moment. My advocacy for change had critics however the unanimous support from the QPU Executive kept the momentum going and today we can feel vindicated for initiating a multi media advertising campaign linked to a petition the Queensland community supported with 50,000 signatures.

I am a proud parent of three very well adjusted young men, that unfortunately they have seen first hand what being beaten, strangled and abused does to a women , also the long lasting effects. Mentally and emotionally and physically

With additional support from victim survivors and organisations working in the sector who saw my vision and backed my DFV Blueprint for change. Their input was enlightening and full of perspective. A true collaboration of police and the sector who trust police to use their knowledge, skills and training.

I feel for this lie as did alot of the community. They media, the politicians, the police and yourself have only gave half of how this bill will affect those involved. No one said that we have to fight the system if the wrong call was made by police at the time of the incident and believe me they will be making the wrong call. Tell me have you, Crissafulli, Amanda Camm or Dan Purdie been to a DV incident and had to see the trauma, the confusion, the complete lack of being able to comprehend what is being asked of the victim. Its not a real environment for that victim. All the victim is trying to do is breathe. That’s right just breathe.

I am so grateful to Crisafulli Ministers Amanda Camm and Dan Purdie MP for listening to common sense and practical reasoning for change. They too can be proud of this legislative improvement, not only for the way police will deal with DFV matters but also the benefits it brings for victims of crime in Queensland.

The Bill isn't law yet and still has to go through the parliamentary process but it is a major step.

Make no mistake, this reform is what our members wanted and I'm proud to say we acted, delivering change well ahead of the usual legislative time frames for this kind of transformation.

I will shortly send an ENews to our membership detailing aspects of the Bill that will be important in the workplace for police.

Thank you for your ongoing support and faith in my leadership and of the direction taken by the QPU Executive Board.

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