

Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on such important topic. I believe the proposed changes are great, however for it work and actually protect the victims, a lot more should be included on the bill and then implemented. Below are some important aspects to be considered: not all police officers are fully trained or understand DV, so police officers responsible for it should follow trauma-informed processes and be the experts on DV and coercive control. it would be great if the bill could also cover a streamlined process for victims to report breaches of a DVO. the DVO should be able to offer stronger protection for children listed on the DVO. the disconnect between police (criminal justice) and family law court should be immediately addressed to ensure the accountability of perpetrators and safety of victim survivors, especially kids. perpetrators of DV should have limited or supervised only access to children until they prove by consistent changed behaviour that they are a safe parent. there should be more support offered to victims of DV. Financial, psychological and the reassurance that victims will be heard, protected and supported. child support should also be addressed and triggered to understand that a family going through DV should have a different process as they go through enormous pressure and they require financial support. there should exist a department of police to deal with DV, a place where victims feel supported and empowered. It would be great to have support workers that are very understanding and caring with the victims. it would be great for a victim of DV to liaise with the same police officer, because then they are fully aware of the whole history of DV that the person has been going through. we require more understanding on post separation abuse (which can be linked to coercive control) and that abuse continues in insidious ways, hurting the victims for years and years. more victims should be heard and protection should be a priority. perpetrators should face more accountability so hopefully the number of DV cases will decrease. If DV was taken seriously in family law court, perhaps parents would use less DV on their family, as they could face consequences of very limited contact with children. the findings from police with regards to DV and coercive control should immediately trigger strict protection for the victims at family law court or mediation. A restructured, trauma-informed family law system, working hand-in-hand with police protections, is the only way to ensure real safety and justice. I am thankful for my views and suggestions being taken in consideration and I make myself available for further contact at any time.