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Good afternoon

This email is in response to the call for submissions on the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. I am writing as secretary of the Services and Practitioners for the Elimination of Abuse Qld (SPEAQ) network.

The short timeframe for submission, the size of the Bill to be reviewed and other significant demands on our members' time prevents us from providing a detailed submission, however I would like to make the following comments.

We support the changes made in relation to Voluntary Intervention Orders. We note that a more complete solution to the use of Intervention Orders, including mandatory orders, will require further amendments at a later date, after a trial of mandatory intervention orders (i.e. without the respondent's consent) has been completed.

In view of the significance of the changes proposed in this Bill, and the very limited time available to review them and consider their implications, we support a review period of less than the proposed 5 years – 2 years would be preferable.

SPEAQ (Services and Practitioners for the Elimination of Abuse Qld) is a network of practitioners and services who work with men who have perpetrated domestic and family violence. Its membership include predominantly, but not limited to, those involved in men's domestic violence intervention (behaviour change) programs. The network has been operating in Queensland for over 20 years.

Regards
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