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SunnyKids supports the proposed changes to the act. As an organisation delivering crisis accommodation to homeless victims of DV we believe the increased safety benefits for vulnerable women and children should be prioritised over the liberty of alleged offenders. Whilst many, even most alleged offenders would respect the conditions of their bail, some will not and as recent history has proved - when they do not respect the terms of their bail the consequences can be dire.

Reversing the presumption of bail for an alleged offender charged with a relevant domestic violence offence does not prevent alleged offenders from seeking or securing bail if the court is satisfied that in all probability the risk of granting bail is considered reasonable.

The use of tracking devices (or GPS trackers) against a person charged with a relevant domestic violence offence is a reasonable proposal given the increased levels of safety it provides for the alleged offenders victims; it will also provide evidence to support the alleged offender should they be falsely accused of breaching the terms of their bail.

Introduce a new system to alert the victim of a relevant domestic violence offence when the defendant applies for bail, is released on bail or receives a variation to a bail condition will empower the alleged offender's victims to high ten security measures and seek the necessary support.

Introducing a mandatory reporting provision to the parole system for when a prisoner applies for and receives parole so that a victim of domestic violence can receive information about a prisoner, even if the offence that the prisoner was convicted for is not a domestic violence offence will assist victims to increase security measures and seek the necessary support.

Introducing a provision to allow for an urgent review of a bail decision in a higher court will help authorities ensure the safety of the community should it prove to be the case that the alleged offender represents a high enough risk to the community.

We believe these amendments are both reasonable and in the best interests of Queenslanders.

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