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**Subject:** In Support of the Private Members Bill - Domestic Violence Reforms  
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**Natalie Hinton**



**My name is Natalie Hinton and I am the mother of Tara Brown, murdered 9th September 2015.**

**May I firstly take the opportunity to express my sincere apologies for not being able to attend the Committee Hearing today, and to also thank you all for *your* presence today.**

**I am writing to express my full support of the Reforms presented to you today by the Queensland LNP.**

- **Reversing the presumption for bail in domestic violence-related crimes such as assault, grievous bodily harm, deprivation of liberty, strangulation and kidnapping**
- **Introducing a DV Alert system to ensure victims and families will be notified when someone charged with domestic violence related crimes is being considered for, or has been granted bail**
- **The DV Alert system will also notify victims and families when someone with a DVO is being considered for parole, even if the reason they are in prison is not related to domestic violence**
- **Introduce immediate appeal rights to the bail application process, meaning bail decisions will be stayed for up to three business days and referred to a higher court for review**
- **Allow GPS trackers to be fitted to an alleged offender as a bail condition by the court to ensure that victims of crime are better protected throughout the trial process**

**Woman and children can no longer be let down by a system that is there to protect them. Theresa, Shelsea, Tara, Bianca, and all of the other woman murdered at the hands of these violent offenders, needed this protection in some way or another. The appalling cost of human lives to domestic and family violence is a national tragedy of crisis proportions. As we are all aware, most of these deaths are preventable, and todays submissions are imperative to curb the unnecessary carnage Australia faces on a weekly agenda.**

**I genuinely hope that Members on all sides of the House will see past the politics and do what is right for our Nation. It is time to act – together!  
Domestic violence is NOT OK. Step up, speak up and support.**

**Yours Sincerely**

**Natalie Hinton**