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Domestic & Family Violence  
Protection OLA Bill 2014  
Submission 006



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Dear Sir

**Re: Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2014**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-named Bill.

We note the objectives of the Bill are to make various amendments to increase penalties for offenders who commit breaches of domestic and family violence orders and to provide financial and practical support for victims of domestic and family violence.

To that end, the Bill amends a number of key pieces of legislation – the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*, the *Evidence Act 1977*, the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* and the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*.

The Association has no concerns about the proposed amendments, all of which appear apt to fulfill the stated objectives.

Yours faithfully

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