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DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (9.20 pm): I rise to speak in support of this important Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025, which represents one of the most significant reforms in domestic and family violence protections our state has ever seen. Domestic and family violence devastates too many lives and too many communities across Queensland. It does not discriminate by postcode, background or income level. Every member in this House would have spoken to victim-survivors who carry the trauma of violence, and every one of us has a responsibility to act.

This bill is about action, and I am proud to be part of the Crisafulli government that is delivering meaningful change for Queenslanders. This bill is about ensuring the protections we put in place are practical, immediate and effective. It is about giving police the tools they need when they need them to keep women, children and families safe.

For the first time in Queensland, police will be empowered to issue police protection directions, PPDs. Under the reforms, police will be able to issue on-the-spot 12-month police protection directions to provide immediate, long-term protection to victim-survivors and reduce trauma through exposure to judicial processes. The directions will instruct the respondent to not commit domestic violence against the aggrieved or a named person for a period of one year or face a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment. It may also include cool-down, ouster, return or no-contact conditions. The measure will be subject to several safeguards to complement the existing domestic and family violence framework and does not replace standard investigative processes.

This bill tackles another barrier to justice: the trauma of having to retell painful stories again and again in court. Victim-survivors deserve dignity and compassion. We in this House know that under Labor within the last decade domestic and family violence related incidents have risen by approximately 218 per cent, resulting in police officers responding to a DFV incident every three minutes. That is why this legislation is so vital to expand the use of police body worn camera footage as recorded evidence in domestic and family violence proceedings. It will strengthen cases, reduce reliance on victims reliving these experiences and help deliver justice more swiftly.

Further, this bill delivers on our commitment to pilot electronic monitoring for high-risk perpetrators. By the end of this year, there will be capacity for 150 GPS monitoring devices, increasing to 500 devices in the coming year. This ensures the most dangerous offenders are monitored 24/7, giving victims peace of mind and holding perpetrators to account.

While these statewide reforms are essential, I want to highlight the frontline work being done in my electorate of Pumicestone. We are fortunate to have the Centre Against Domestic Abuse—CADA—based in Caboolture, led by Holly and her incredible team. They are on the ground every single day supporting victim-survivors with counselling, court services and health and wellbeing support. They also

work side by side with Queensland police through their innovative PRADO model, embedding specialist police workers in stations. This partnership has delivered outstanding outcomes and is a model of best practice. CADA has received more than \$6.3 million in funding to deliver these critical services, and across the broader Moreton Bay region our government has invested over \$10.3 million to respond to domestic and family violence. That level of investment is sadly necessary because the need in our community is so great, but it also demonstrates this government's unwavering commitment to protecting victims, supporting frontline services and holding perpetrators to account.

I want to acknowledge the victim-survivors who have shared their stories and courageously advocated for reform. Their voices have shaped this bill. I want to acknowledge the police, the service providers and the community organisations which do the hard work every day to prevent violence, respond to it and support recovery. This bill will not on its own end domestic and family violence, but it is a major step towards it. It strengthens protections, it reduces trauma, it keeps perpetrators accountable and it ensures that the police and service providers are better equipped to save lives. For the people of Pumicestone and for all Queenslanders, I am proud to support this legislation. I commend the bill to the House.