

Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Statement of Compatibility

FOR

Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by Corrine McMillan MP – Shadow Minister for Child Safety, Communities and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Corrine McMillan MP - Shadow Minister for Child Safety, Communities and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, make this statement of compatibility with respect to amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*.

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the amendments

To strengthen and safeguard the proposed Police Protection Directions (PPDs) framework, based on information that was obtained through the parliamentary committee process and from experts in the field, the following public policy amendments are put forward:

- safeguard against misidentification of the person most in need of protection through a sufficient review process when a female is named as the respondent on a PPD;
- ensure the consent is obtained from the victim-survivor prior to police issuing a PPD;
- address unintended consequences from the removal of court oversight, by ensuring referrals to support services are provided by Police issuing a PPD;
- ensure information sharing; and
- ensure every victim-survivor is counted, with publicly reported data on PPDs, contraventions and misidentification.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

The amendments are consistent and within the framework of what was in the Bill and as such, the matters relating to human rights are outlined in the Bills Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* are compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, as any limitations on human rights are reasonable, necessary, and demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom.

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