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Dear Ms Monro

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed second stage of legislative reforms in response to recommendations made by the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce (the Taskforce).

The second stage of legislative reforms will implement key recommendations in Chapter 3.9 of the Taskforce's first report, *Hear her voice – Report One – Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland*, including the creation of a new offence to criminalise coercive control.

This stage of reform will also implement a range of recommendations from the Taskforce's second report, *Hear her voice – Report Two – Women and girls' experiences across the criminal justice system*, including to create an affirmative model of consent in Queensland.

These reforms to criminalise coercive control are intended to keep victims safe and hold perpetrators to account, while amendments to create an affirmative model of consent are intended to better reflect community expectations of equality and mutual respect in consensual sexual relationships.

To inform the development of a Bill to implement these reforms, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) is conducting targeted consultation on technical and/or operational issues that may arise from the implementation of the Taskforce's recommendations. Feedback is not being sought on the policy positions of the initiatives contained in the consultation discussion paper. This is because the policy positions reflect recommendations which have been supported or supported in principle by Government.

A consultation discussion paper is **enclosed** for your review. Please do not share or publish this document outside of your organisation.

DJAG will conduct consultation sessions on the consultation discussion paper from 17 January 2023 to 30 January 2023, via **Microsoft Teams**. These sessions are intended to provide you with an opportunity to engage with departmental staff and provide your feedback on any technical and/or operational issues.

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The consultation sessions will be held by geographical location of stakeholders. If you would like to attend a session, we ask that you try to attend a session which aligns with your organisation's main service area.

We are interested in learning about different perspectives from different areas in Queensland and therefore we encourage you to ask multiple representatives of your organisation to attend these sessions if your organisation operates or has members in more than one of the locations listed below.

Further, if you are unable to attend a session that aligns with your service area (including if your service area is not listed), but you would like to attend a different session, please let us know.

The sessions are as follows:

Location of Organisation	Date	Time
South-East Queensland <u>excluding</u> Brisbane (Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Logan, Beenleigh Ipswich)	Tuesday, 17 January 2023	9:30am to 11:45am
Brisbane	Thursday, 19 January 2023	9:30am to 11:45am
Darling Downs and South-West Queensland (including Toowoomba)	Wednesday, 25 January 2023	9:30am to 11:45am
Central Queensland and Wide Bay- Burnett (including Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Kingaroy, Maryborough Rockhampton, Gladstone and Mackay)	Friday, 27 January 2023	9:30am to 11:45am
North Queensland (including Townsville, Cairns, the Northern Peninsula Area and the Torres Strait Islands)	Monday, 30 January 2023	9:30am to 11:45am

To register your interest for any of these sessions, please provide the name and email address of attendee/s by **Wednesday, 11 January 2023** to WSJ-Taskforce-Legislation@justice.qld.gov.au.

You may also provide written feedback if you wish. Please provide any written feedback to WSJ-Taskforce-Legislation@justice.qld.gov.au by **Wednesday, 1 February 2023**.

We understand that different organisations may choose to engage with this consultation process in different ways. To be clear, you can either attend a consultation session, provide a written submission or do both.

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Any queries in relation to the consultation discussion paper can also be directed to WSJ-Taskforce-Legislation@justice.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Mackie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Mackie
Director-General

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