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Alliance welcomes family violence law review

The Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance (the Alliance) welcomes the Tasmanian Government's review of family violence laws and encourages community members, services and people with lived experience to have their say.

The joint announcement of the review by Minister Barnett and Minister Howlett yesterday marks an important opportunity for Tasmanians to contribute to a better understanding of misidentification and Police Family Violence Orders (PFVOs), coercive control and economic abuse, corrective and behaviour-change programs, and whether current definitions of family violence reflect the realities faced by women, children and diverse families.

"We welcome the Tasmanian Government's commitment to improving family violence laws through genuine community consultation," said Bree Klerck, CEO of the Tasmanian Family and Sexual Violence Alliance.

The review is being conducted through the Department of Justice discussion paper *Strengthening our Responses to Family Violence in Tasmania: Family Violence Act 2004 and Related Legislation*, which is now open for public consultation on the Tasmanian Government's community consultation website.

"We must ensure that the voices of victim-survivors and specialist front-line services are at the centre of this process," Ms Klerck said. "The people who navigate these systems every day have valuable insights that can improve the systems designed to keep them safe."

The Alliance will now begin developing a detailed submission informed by our members and the voices of victim-survivors, and will be organising further consultations and think tanks to shape our collective response.

Further information on the review can be found here:

<https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/community-consultation/consultations/2025/strengthening-our-responses-to-family-violence-in-tasmania-family-violence-act-2004-and-related-legislation-discussion-paper>

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