

**PETITION**

To the Legislative Assemble of Victoria

**The petition of:**

The undersigned concerned members of public of Victoria

**Draws to the attention of the House:**

Our serious concern that dowry demands, demands for money and gifts in the context of a new marriage(up to seven years ) is a significant contributor to family and domestic violence within certain cultural communities of Victoria . We are concerned that this pattern is similar to the one reported in India, with documented extensive evidence of serious domestic violence in the context of demands for dowry and gifts by the groom and his family.

**The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria**

**Amends Family Violence Protection Act 2008 - SECT 6 titled “Meaning of Economic Abuse, Examples” as soon as possible to add the words ‘Dowry or coercive demands for gifts or cash in the context of a new marriage (up to first seven years)’ .**

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