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Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Legislation Committee

By email: [legcon.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:legcon.sen@aph.gov.au)

Dear Ms Dunstone


I refer to your correspondence of 24 May 2021 inviting the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to make a submission with respect to the Family Law Amendment (Federal Family Violence Orders) Bill 2021 (the Bill).

The QPS, alongside other key Queensland Government agencies, is represented on the National Personal Protection Injunction Working Group, which has provided advice to the Attorney-General's Department on the design and operationalisation of the Bill.

I note the Bill and its Explanatory Memorandum foreshadow the creation of requirements for and in relation to the service of Federal Family Violence Orders (FFVOs).

I note Rules 14 and 14A of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Rules 2014* (Qld), which permits police officers who must personally serve a domestic violence order to file a 'statement of police service' instead of an affidavit of personal service.

The statement of police service is affirmed before another police officer and provided to the Magistrate Court as evidence that personal service has been effected, rendering the order enforceable. Police also have the option of electronically filing this statement.

Yours sincerely 

**KATARINA CARROLL APM**  
**COMMISSIONER**