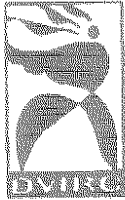


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Mr Philip Bailey  
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Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT

Dear Mr Bailey,

### **Inquiry into the Family Law Amendment Bill 2004**

The Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre (DVIRC) is a Statewide organisation providing professional development and resources to those who work with victims of family violence, including sexual assault. The Centre provides:

- professional education and training programs
- community education strategies and public forums
- publications and web-sites
- policy-focused research and discussion papers, and advice to government through participation on committees and working groups
- a lending library and information service
- a referral service, and secondary consultations for those working with victims of violence.

We are a member of the Federation of Community Legal Centres, and actively participate in the Violence Against Women and Children (VAWAC) working group of the Federation. DVIRC is also an active member of Domestic Violence Services Victoria (DV Vic) the peak body for women's domestic violence services in Victoria.

DVIRC wishes to strongly endorse the submission made by the National Network of Women's Legal Services (NNWLS) to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee in relation to proposed changes in the Family Law Amendment Bill 2004. In particular we support the recommendations proposed in that submission.

Yours sincerely,

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