To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the submission relating to proposed changes to the Family Law Act on the issue of name changes of children, namely the ability of family violence victims to change the names of their children under 18 without the consultation or permission of the family violence perpetrator when sole parental custody has been obtained.

I understand that each case would need be measured against it's merits but strongly believe that a pathway needs to exist for victims to put necessary parameters in place to protect both themselves and their children from family violence perpetrators.

The current inability of victims to assume new names whether for fundamental safety or broader psychological reasons would seem to give perpetrators continuing dominance over their victims.

Thank you for your considerations of this position.

Kind regards,

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