

FACT SHEET

Family Violence Amendment Bill 2017

The *Family Violence Act 2004* (the Act) provides the framework for an integrated criminal justice response to family violence, promoting the safety of those affected by family violence.

The Family Violence Amendment Bill 2017 (the Bill) makes amendments to the Act.

This Bill provides:

- for a judge to direct that an indictable offence dealt with by the Supreme Court be recorded as a family violence offence on a perpetrators criminal record.
- that where the prosecution informs the court it will tender no evidence on a family violence offence and the matter is discharged, that the evidence relevant to the discharged matter may be admissible as relationship, tendency or coincidence evidence in relation to another family violence charge.
- that a person protected by a protection order cannot be charged with an offence of instigating, abetting or aiding the contravention of a protection order unless the relevant conduct resulted in an affected child named in the order being placed in a position of risk.
- that the court may impose electronic monitoring as a condition of a family violence order where the person against whom the order is to be made has a history of committing family violence offences, has previously been found guilty of a family violence offence or is currently charged with a family violence offence.
- for a review of the effectiveness of the inclusion of electronic monitoring conditions in family violence orders.