

TASMANIA

**FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT (PROTECTING
PEOPLE AND THEIR PETS) BILL 2024**

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(Brought in by David James O'Byrne MP, Member for Franklin)

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Family Violence Act 2004*.

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the *Family Violence Amendment (Protecting People and Their Pets) Act 2024*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principle Act

In this Act, the *Family Violence Act 2004** is referred to as the Principle Act.

*No. 67 of 2004.

4. Section 7 amended

The definition of *family violence* in section 7 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting from paragraph (c)(iii) “child.” and substituting “child; or”;
- (b) By inserting the following new paragraphs after paragraph (c):
 - (d) any conduct committed by a person that causes the death of, or injury to, an animal so as to intimidate, coerce or control that person’s spouse or partner; or
 - (e) any threats made by a person regarding the potential death of, or injury to, an animal so as to intimidate, coerce, or control that person’s spouse or partner.

5. Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the first anniversary of the day on which this Act commences.