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CIVIL LAW (WRONGS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO 2)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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### Outline

This Bill sets out a series of amendments to the *Civil Law (Wrongs) Act 2002* to incorporate domestic relationships within the principal act.

### Revenue/Cost Implications

There is no additional cost involved in the Bill.

### Formal Clauses

#### Part 1- Preliminary

**Clauses 1 and 2** are formal requirements. They deal with the short title of the Bill, and the commencement provisions.

**Clause 3** identifies the Act being amended.

**Clause 4** adds the definition of 'domestic relationship' to the definition of 'member of a dead person's family' applicable to section 3.1 of the Act. The definition of 'domestic relationship' is the same as in the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*.

**Clause 5** inserts a new provision that includes a person in a domestic relationship as a member of the dead person's family, if they were in a domestic relationship immediately prior to the death.

**Clause 6** adds the definition of 'domestic relationship' to the definition of 'family member' applicable to section 3.2 of the Act. The definition of 'domestic relationship' is the same as in the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994*.

**Clause 7** inserts a new provision that includes a person in a domestic relationship as a member of the person's family, if they were in a domestic relationship.