

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT 1986

APPROVAL OF CRISIS SUPPORT ORGANISATION

No. 119 of 1992

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This notice approves the Domestic Violence Crisis Service Incorporated to be a crisis support organisation for the purposes of the *Domestic Violence Act 1986* ("the Act"). Section 33 of the Act provides that the Minister may make such a notification.

The effect of this notification is that the Australian Federal Police will be authorised to disclose information to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service in certain circumstances. Section 34 of the Act allows a police officer or staff member of the Australian Federal Police to disclose information where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a domestic violence offence has been, is being or is likely to be committed. These grounds may exist where a call is made to the police requesting assistance for a domestic violence matter. Under section 34, the police will be able to inform the DVCS of any information that would be likely to help the organisation give assistance to a person who has been subjected to domestic violence or that person's children.

Authorised by the Attorney General