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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS TO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 1998**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

CIRCULATED BY AUTHORITY OF

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO 2) 1998

Amendments to be moved by the Attorney General

The amendments to the Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill (No 2) 1998 (the Bill) are to change those provisions which are to the effect that only where a police officer is of the rank of sergeant or above is he or she able to make an application for an emergency protection order. The effect of the amendments is to enable any police officer to apply for an emergency protection order.

While the provisions limiting applications for such orders to those made by more senior police were not opposed by the Australian Federal Police, the police have, recently, advised that these changes would provide greater flexibility to deal with the range of situations in which the need to apply for an order may arise.