Australian Capital Territory

Domestic Violence Agencies (Information Sharing Entity) Declaration 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-239

made under the

Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986, s14 (Meaning of information sharing entity—pt 3)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Part 3 of the *Domestic Violence Agencies Act 1986* (established by the *Domestic Violence Agencies (Information Sharing) Amendment Act 2024*) created the Domestic and Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (the Scheme). Section 14(1) prescribes a list of government entities, non-government schools and childcare providers as information sharing entities (ISEs) in this Scheme. Section 14(2) contemplated that the Scheme would expand to include a broad range of community sector providers over time to strengthen information sharing practices in the ACT for the purpose of preventing, reducing, assessing and managing domestic and family (DFV) risk.

This instrument declares the following entities as ISEs:

1. Domestic Violence Crisis Service, certificate of incorporation number A01467;
2. Toora Women Inc, certificate of incorporation number A00887;
3. the sentence administration board; and
4. EveryMan Australia Limited, ABN 54 979 533 031.

Toora Women Inc (Toora), the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) and EveryMan Australia Limited (EveryMan) represent three key DFV specialist non-government organisations in the ACT. They are all members of the Family Violence Safety Action Program (FVSAP) which is a program funded by Government but is not a legislatively enshrined or statutory body. FVSAP relies on information sharing between government and non-government organisations to support multi-agency responses in relation to people that pose a serious risk of DFV harm or lethality to victim-survivors, including children and young people. The focus of FVSAP is to increase victim-survivors safety by enhancing visibility of people who use violence and support their accountability and visibility across the system.

Additionally, DVCS are a member of the Government funded Wraparound Support Program which aims to ensure victim-survivors of sexual violence receive high-

quality, coordinated, targeted, and timely responses to their support and safety needs, regardless of the matter proceeding through the criminal justice system, or not. While Wraparound is not exclusively a DFV case coordination body, many matters referred to it will involve sexual violence occurring in the context of DFV.

The Sentence Administration Board (SAB), created by section 171 of the C*rimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005,* supervises critical aspects of periodic detention, parole and release on licence, such as breaches and amendment of conditions. The SAB is an important body that oversees the management of sentenced offenders under Intensive Corrections Orders and other custodial orders, as well as making decisions on parole and release on licence. The SAB is often an important touchpoint for multi-agency responses to DFV at critical risk points when people are being released back into community. They will receive information about sentenced DFV offenders, have powers to make decisions that impact community and victim safety, and can receive information from victim-survivors in certain circumstances. Inclusion of the SAB in this Scheme will facilitate further opportunities for sharing key DFV risk relevant information, in line with the objects of the Scheme.

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