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NOTICE OF DECISION

Family Violence Protection (Information Sharing) Amendment (Risk Management)
Regulations 2018

I, Gavin Jennings, Special Minister of State, responsible for administering Part 5A of the Family Violence Protection Act 2008, give notice under sections 12 and 12J of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 (the Act) of my decision to make the proposed Family Violence Protection (Information Sharing) Amendment (Risk Management) Regulations 2018 (the proposed Regulations) and to approve the Family Violence Risk Assessment and Risk Management Framework (the proposed legislative instrument) under section 189 of the Family Violence Protection Act 2008.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Regulations and the proposed legislative instrument. The RIS was advertised in the Government Gazette and The Age seeking public comment. The 28 day consultation period commenced on 12 June 2018 and ended on 10 July 2018. In response, eight submissions were received on the proposed legislative instrument. Two of these submissions also related to the proposed Regulations.

After consideration of the submissions on the proposed Regulations in accordance with section 11 of the Act, I give notice of my intention to proceed with the making of the Regulations with the following amendments:

- (a) In the consultation draft, regulations 5 and 6 set out the prescribed information sharing entities and risk assessment entities under Part 5A of the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008**. These have been amended to prescribe additional information sharing entities and risk assessment entities and to clarify the entities that will be prescribed.
- (b) In the consultation draft, regulation 17 sets out the prescribed framework organisations under Part 11 of the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008**. These have been amended to prescribe additional framework organisations and to clarify the bodies that will be prescribed.
- (c) A new Part 5 prescribes a secrecy provision to be displaced for information sharing in relation to Support and Safety Hubs under Part 5B of the **Family Violence Protection Act 2008**.
- (d) There have also been some minor formatting changes.

After consideration of the submissions on the proposed legislative instrument in accordance with section 12I of the Act, I give notice of my intention to proceed with approving the legislative instrument with the following amendments:

- (a) The consultation draft set out Principles that underpin the legislative instrument. These have been amended.
- (b) The consultation draft set out requirements for framework organisations and section 191 agencies. Minor amendments have been made to these.
- (c) Schedule 1 of the consultation draft set out the recognised indicators of family violence risk. These have been amended to add additional risk indicators and refine the existing indicators.
- (d) Schedule 2 of the consultation draft set out the responsibilities for risk assessment and management. These have been amended to clarify the expectations of framework organisations and section 191 agencies.

Dated 17 September 2018

GAVIN JENNINGS MLC Special Minister of State

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