John Elferink
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

**Review of domestic violence legislation**

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A key piece of legislation relating to domestic violence in the Northern Territory is under review, and stakeholders are invited to make submissions for its improvement.

When the Northern Territory Government launched its Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy in September last year, it made a commitment to review associated legislation to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

Attorney General John Elferink is now calling for submissions for the Issues Paper on the *Domestic and Family Violence Act*, legislation which has not been amended since it first commenced in 2008.

“Comments, issues, observations and suggestions on the Issues Paper are welcome,” Mr Elferink said.

“I am also interested in feedback about the Domestic and Family Violence Act and its interaction with related Territory legislation such as the *Care and Protection of Children Act* and the *Criminal Code* of the Northern Territory.

“The legislation should hold perpetrators to account, but most importantly protect victims of domestic violence in our community.

“While legislation alone cannot prevent domestic violence from occurring, it is important to have modern legislative measures in place.”

Already, the Northern Territory Government has moved to amend the *Bail Act* as part of the rollout of the Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy.

The proposed changes to the *Bail Act* will ensure that more repeat domestic violence offenders are kept behind bars and not granted bail.


Submissions are due by 13 July 2015.

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