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Dear Dr Talbot

**INQUIRY INTO THE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE) BILL 2018**

I refer to your letter, dated 19 October 2018, inviting the Office of the Commissioner for Victims of Crime to make a submission on the *Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment (Family Violence) Bill 2018* (the Bill).

The Bill seeks to provide better outcomes for victims of family violence in relation to their rights and obligations under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987* and the *Residential Parks (Long-stay Tenants) Act 2007*.

The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety has consulted with the Office of the Commissioner throughout the development of the Bill.

The Office of the Commissioner supports the Bill and its alignment with the Government's commitment to ensuring strong legislative and policy protections for victims of family violence.

Similar protections exist in other jurisdictions across Australia and this office supports their timely introduction in Western Australia.

Thank you for inviting the Officer of the Commissioner to comment on the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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**A/COMMISSIONER FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME**

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