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Mr John Robertson
Chair
Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council
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Dear Mr Robertson,

On behalf of the *Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation*, may I thank you for the invitation to contribute to the *Review of sentencing for sexual violence offences and aggravating factor for domestic and family violence offences*. The Foundation does not possess or claim particular expertise on penalties and sentencing. However, the circumstances involving our Founders Sue and Lloyd Clarke, their daughter Hannah and their grandchildren Aaliyah, Lianah and Trey are all too well known by Queenslanders. It is through this lens that we contribute the following observations:

- We support your review and commend the State Government, and particularly the former Attorney-General, for commencing the process;
- We support the general principle that perpetrators of domestic violence, including coercive control, should face serious consequences for their actions;
- We support the principle that domestic violence and coercive control should be considered aggravating factors when sentencing serious violent offences; and

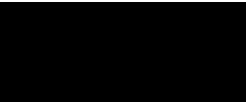
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- Both the Clarkes and the Foundation are of the view that, in Hannah's case, more serious legal consequences arising from the breach of a DVO may have changed the offender's attitude and actions.

Beyond those general observations, we are happy to assist with specific information or responses to questions if required. We wish you and your committee well and thank you for your commitment to this important work.

Sincerely,



Mr Mark Woolley

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