

# Justice and Community Safety Directorate

## Information sharing to improve the response to family violence in the ACT

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Privacy laws operate in all Australian jurisdictions to ensure that individuals control their personal information, subject to limited exceptions. Commonwealth, state and territory laws prescribe the circumstances under which information can be shared, who it can be shared with and when it can be shared without consent. In the ACT, the right to privacy is further protected under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

In the context of family violence however, the right to privacy must be balanced with the right to safety. Several recent reports have suggested that the balance between the right to safety and the right to privacy must be recalibrated in order to better safeguard the safety of victims of family violence and improve service delivery.

The Justice and Community Safety (JACS) Directorate is seeking the community's views on the current information sharing system, and how it might be improved in the context of family violence. JACS will host a number of roundtables and targeted engagements as part of this consultation, which will close on 16 December 2016.

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