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To: Stalking (DJCS) **Subject:** Stalking Law Reforms

Good afternoon

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to thank all parties involved in attempting to change these laws.

My experience was with someone I met through my daughters school.

She took a liking to me and without my knowledge studied me through my daughter to become my friend and infiltrate my life. She looked up my address and pretended to live around the corner from me. She would ask my daughter questions to find out my interest and align herself with me. As a single parent she preyed on my juggling my career and caring for a child and found ways to make sure she was invaluable to me.

After becoming my friend she used her technological knowledge to hack into my social media accounts and my home router to find out everything she needed to know about me. She would turn up unexpectedly when I posted anything on my social media, or messaged friends through messenger that gave away my location.

Over the course of 7 months she gained my trust to the point that she obtained a key to my home and became one of my close friends. Things unravelled when she had stayed in my spare room and I woke up to find her watching me sleeping. This was quickly followed by a slip up in her knowing something that had been shared with another friend. After having my suspicions raised I looked into my social media and found a strange device logged into my account. My partner and I were also looking to get back together and he received a text from an untraceable number pretending to be my brother warning him to stay away from me. I pretended to lock myself out of my house during her work shift in order to get my key back and not allow opportunity to cut a new copy. I also changed all my passwords and increasing my cyber protection on my social media. I also distanced myself from her on a personal level

When I confronted her with the evidence that she had actually been hacking my social media she became very agitated and aggressive. She would call and message me consistently even after she was asked to stop. She began showing up everywhere I went. The phone calls and texts became more intense and threatening and at this stage I approached the police who advised me to take out an intervention order. I also reported her conduct to her employer and she was terminated as a result.

I was granted and interim order to protect myself and my daughter and when the police tried to serve her she was not home so I received an abusive phone call from a private number. It took weeks for her to be served and during that time I endured a number of abusive phone calls and her waiting for hours at my local café to see me and intimidate me.

At our hearing she pleaded no contest to the intervention order and accepted it. She left the courts immediately and had to be tracked down to be served the orders. This took and additional 2 months.

During the period of the intervention orders she would go to my local café and wait for hours in attempts to see me. The staff were aware of the situation and being friends of mine would call me and tell me not to come in or would tell me to wait in my car. She would pace up and down the road where I went to the supermarket even though she lived 2 suburbs away. She would drive back and forth along the only road I had to cross to pick my daughter up at school pickup ensuring it was 50m away from the school. She would wash her car most days after

she had seen me driving as the carwash looked out on to the intersection that was the most practical exit for leaving the school. She called me on whats app directly. She was interviewed by the police multiple times for breaching the orders yet she was always able to argue that her breach was a plausible accident or I am allowed to it is a public space.

As the victim I was forced to change my phone number, shut down my social media, suppress my business details, remove myself from the electoral role, move house, change jobs and undergo significant therapy to get away from this woman.

After further investigation I was able to find that I was the person to take out and intervention order against this year old woman.

She is protected under the law to maintain her employment as a person of care.

She knows the rules and loopholes to take full advantage of the system.

What I would like to see changed is:

Intervention orders should all show up in a working with children check.

Intervention orders should be active immediately not when served.

Leaving the court without your orders should be an offence in itself.

Where hacking has occurred on social media in order to stalk there should be a significant charge and penalty.

There should be services to assist people in being able to disappear from stalkers.

Stalkers should be held to account male or female.

Any reported breach should be registered if more than 3 breaches occur charges are automatically laid.

Stalkers should be required by law to undergo therapy as part of their orders.

Stalkers should be liable for relocation fees.

Thanks

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