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**To:** Stalking (DJCS)  
**Subject:** Re: Submission to the Victorian Law Reform Commission's reference on stalking laws

Thank you so much for allowing a revised version. Below is my revised submission.

I'm grateful for the ability to submit my opinions and thoughts towards a reform in the stalking laws. I make this submission in honour of Celeste Manno, [REDACTED] with the hope that Celeste's call for protection will finally be received [REDACTED].

Recommendations for the reform to stalking laws:

- have an assessment and management tool alike to the MARAM, when not involving family violence (FV), utilising a range of services for victim such as counselling, legal help, practitioner help with safety planners
- to aid this, introducing an information sharing framework between agencies
- develop a code of practice for stalking reports alike to FVSNs or FVIOs, to ensure complaints do not fall on deaf ears
- police should be able to advocate for and put in place an equivalent to FVSN under the PSIO Act 2010
- respondents should have to attend treatment programs when a PSIO application is made - treatment may include programs such as the Mens Behavioural Change Program, mental health programs where necessary, and other programs that relate specifically to preventing stalking through rehabilitation, education, and a supervisory body to ensure positive progress and change in behaviour is made. If none exist, specific programs to target stalking behaviours with divisions and expertise in youth, mental health, drug use, and other areas, to target and prevent a wide range of stalking behaviour
- breaches of the PSIO Act 2010 should be made criminal offences, especially in serious instances
- courts and police should be able to request specialist services for risk assessments when an application appears complex or little accessible evidence
- electronic monitoring (including electronic and physical 'check-ins' to keep the perpetrator accountable for their location) should be introduced when any pattern of stalking is displayed, i.e. happened more than once, where there is a fear or risk of the applicants safety
- historic reforms to the family violence system mainly revolves around taking reports of FV seriously and implementing immediate measures to reduce further risk, taking a multi agency approach ensuring specialist services for a targeted approach are available such as The Orange Door. Similar services should be available to applicants of stalking reports with a similar response of urgency to Family Violence.
- technology and protections made to protect from cyberstalking, and these claims to be taken as seriously as physical stalking. Working with the respondent to prevent this such as introducing an over watch system for their cyber use or removing their access to commit cyberstalking is necessary.

Thank you.

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