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To whom it may concern

I have a friend who's daughter is currently the victim of a stalker both physically and online.

The whole family [REDACTED] have been impacted by this occurring and continuing now [REDACTED]

Even with an Intervention Order in place [REDACTED] against the stalker, he is continuing to harass them online, intimidating them and harassing them to the extent they all live in fear every day not knowing whether this stalker is going to do something violent towards them or just intimidating them to ruin their lives and their businesses as well.

Even with multiple visits to Police and their involvement it, (lawyers also involved) it seems as though this stalker is above the law and keeps harassing this family with NO repercussions to him. (he has had similar incidents in other states that the police are aware of and still nothing can be done) How is it that the law can allow this to continue where a families lives get put on hold and physically & mentally destroyed but the perpetrator can continue to do it without any recourse. He has to date contravened the Intervention Order on multiple occasions but no recourse to him (so why would he bother stopping when the police can't do anything.) It seems as though the laws that are in place DO NOT protect the innocent at all but protect the offender to the point he can continue to destroy peoples lives, livelihoods and their emotional & mental health.

The laws, especially with regards to online stalking, harassment, impersonating others, making fault accusations etc that are then out in the public domain, need urgent review and new laws need to be developed to prevent/stop this from occurring.

Kind Regards

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