
Family Proceedings (Dissolution for Family Violence) Amendment Bill

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New Zealand Council Of
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Tirohanga Whānui | Overview

The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Family Proceedings (Dissolution for Family Violence) Amendment Bill. We unreservedly support the kaupapa to protect families that have been the victims of family violence. It is unconscionable that victims of family violence should have to wait two years to be legally separated from their abusers. Ensuring that nobody is forced to remain in contact or confined to a relationship with the perpetrator of abuse against them or their children is a significant and important step forward in repairing our country's horrific statistics around family violence. We tautoko this kaupapa.

Ko wai tātou | Who we are

NZCCSS has six foundation members; the Anglican Care Network, Baptist Churches of New Zealand, Catholic Social Services, Presbyterian Support and the Methodist and Salvation Army Churches.

Through this membership, NZCCSS represents over 230 organisations providing a range of social support services across Aotearoa. We believe in working to achieve a just and compassionate society for all, through our commitment to our faith and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Further details on NZCCSS can be found on our website www.nzccss.org.nz.

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