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Dear Commissioner,

Submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence

I am gravely concerned about the issue of family violence which is having a profound impact in my community.

The figures are astonishing. In April this year there were 198 police reports of family violence in the Moreland region. The problems are so severe, the police have set up a specialist task force of five officers to deal with family violence in this region.

While the numbers are alarming , the true impact of such acts cannot be measured.

Police have told me that one of the reasons for the rise is that separated or divorced couples cannot afford to leave the family home or won't leave because there are children involved.

It's clear that this situation is having a devastating impact on lives inside and outside the family home.

The time has arrived for this trend to be stopped. Solutions to this social scourge must be found.

I am proud to be a part of a Government that is working towards addressing family violence through the first Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, the Royal Commission into Family Violence and a newly announced Family violence Index to monitor and evaluate the prevalence of family violence in Victoria.

Yours sincerely,



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Minister for Emergency Services

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation