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Ms Chiaka Barry MLA
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Inquiry into the Family, Personal and Sexual Violence Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 Hansard

Dear Ms Barry,

Thank you for inviting the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) to attend the public hearing for the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs' Inquiry into the *Family, Personal and Sexual Violence Amendment Bill 2025* (the Bill) on 20 March 2026.

I am writing to clarify evidence given by Ms Tiffany Karlsson, Chief Executive Officer at CRCC, regarding CRCC's previous consultation and engagement on the Bill. Ms Karlsson's evidence on the matter is documented on page 2 of the Hansard transcript:

From our perspective, we had not been aware of the earlier consultation, so we found our first engagement was around the omnibus bill. We were keen to be involved in that and we provided a written submission. I am not sure why we had not been included in earlier consultations, but we are always keen to comment on things involving sexual violence, from our perspective.

We wish to clarify that this evidence was intended to convey that CRCC was not engaged in consultation on the omnibus Bill in its entirety. CRCC was, however, consulted on some of the specific provisions of the draft Bill, including proposed amendments to the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991* and the introduction of the Family Violence Safety Notice scheme.

While we appreciate that we were invited to consult on specific provisions of the Bill, reviewing the complete draft legislation would have enabled CRCC to provide the most informed and meaningful feedback. Our written submission highlighted the need to review the Bill in entirety prior to its tabling before the ACT Legislative Assembly on 3 December 2025.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to preventing and responding to sexual violence in the ACT. CRCC remains committed to working alongside the government to ensure all victim-survivors of sexual violence can access protection and justice without further traumatisation.

Sincerely,

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