

# Media Release

## Andrew Broad

Member for Mallee

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### **ANDREW BROAD WELCOMES NATION-WIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS**

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad has welcomed national enforcement of domestic violence orders (DVO's) over the weekend, with any DVO issued in any Australian state or territory now automatically recognised and enforced across the country under the Federal Government's National Domestic Violence Order Scheme.

In 2014, Mr Broad spent a night with the Victorian Police, who raised concern about the inadequacy of DVO's in relation to state borders. Taking their concern on board Mr Broad then approached the Justice Minister, Michael Keenan and the then Prime Minister, Tony Abbott advocating for a nation-wide scheme.

"I am committed to protecting victims of family violence, and they should feel safe wherever they are in Australia," he said.

"Under this scheme victims of domestic violence can be confident they are protected if they chose to travel or live in a different state than where they were issued their order."

The National Domestic Violence Order Scheme was announced on Saturday, coinciding with White Ribbon Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

"This is a vital step toward further protecting victims and their families from domestic violence, and a significant step toward ending domestic violence altogether," Mr Broad said.

Domestic violence orders issued after today will automatically be nationally recognised and enforceable. Individuals protected by an existing domestic violence order can apply to any local court in Australia to have it recognised under the new scheme.

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