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Good Evening [REDACTED],

As discussed last week with yourself could you please forward this email as a submission for the above.

Currently on Facebook there is a Domestic Violence register circulating. This register allows members of the general public access to all matters DV related that go before the courts not taking into consideration the outcome of the case. It is being circulated for people to be able to search their current and new partners to see if they have been involved in any DV related incidences previously.

I am not against members of the public having access to this but I believe there needs to be a process in place in order to access this information.

This register lists not only the offender but the victim aswell. As it stands the company responsible for creating and releasing this register will not remove the victims details but will offer to just use initials.

With this being the case I can see issues arising from a public register like this.

1. A woman checks up on a current or potential partner has the ability then to contact the previous victim which could potentially put people in danger.
2. Relationships that survive a application of an AVO have problems when the offender/victim realise they are listed on here.
3. Potential employment issues from someone being listed on this register from co-workers and HR.

The list goes on from here really.

My name is on this register as a victim with my husband as the offender. The AVO was never granted and I actually told the officer that no charges were to be laid, but he did so anyway. My husband is in a supervisor role so 3 would potentially affect him.

Personally I dont want my name on anything like this especially without my permission.

I would be grateful if this register could be looked at. I have attached the link.

<https://db.dvos.com.au/search>

Please let me know if there is any further information required for this submission. I'm sorry I missed the deadline of the 31st of May but with 3 small children and a husband that

works a 7 on 7 off roster time is restricted.

Kind Regards,

Paula Simmons

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