

**Department of Education**

**Instrument of Authorisation**

**Director-General's Powers**

**Part 5A of the**  
***Domestic and Family Violence***  
***Protection Act 2012***

(Version 4 – December 2022)

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## INSTRUMENT OF AUTHORISATION

### **Director-General's Powers under Part 5A of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012***

I, Michael De'Ath, Director-General of the Department of Education, under section 169H(2)(b) of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*, AUTHORISE the persons who are from time to time the holders of the positions specified in **Column 4** of Schedule 1, to exercise on my behalf those powers and functions conferred or imposed on me under the provisions of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*, which are specified in **Column 1** of Schedule 1, subject to the limitations (if any) specified in **Column 3** of Schedule 1.

This Instrument of Authorisation is comprised of this page, and Schedule 1 comprising of 3 pages. No other material forms part of the Instrument.

This Instrument of Authorisation revokes and replaces any Instrument of Authorisation previously issued with respect to the powers and functions of the Director-General under the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*.

  
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**MICHAEL DE'ATH**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

DATED AT BRISBANE THIS 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

**SCHEDULE 1 – Table of Authorised Officers for the purposes of Part 5A of the  
Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012**

Schedule 1 – Table of Authorised Officers for the purposes of – Part 5A of the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012			
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Reference	Nature of Power	Observations / Limitations	Authorised Officers
<b>Part 5A – Information sharing</b>			
<b>Division 2 – Information sharing</b>			
<b>s.169D</b>	<p><b>Sharing information for assessing domestic violence threat</b></p> <p>(1) A prescribed entity or specialist DFV service provider (each the <i>holder</i>) may give information to another prescribed entity or specialist DFV service provider if the holder reasonably believes—</p> <p>(a) a person fears or is experiencing domestic violence; and</p> <p>(b) the information may help the entity receiving the information to assess whether there is a serious threat to the person’s life, health or safety because of the domestic violence.</p> <p>(2) Also, a support service provider (the <i>holder</i>) may give information to a prescribed entity or specialist DFV service provider if the holder reasonably believes—</p> <p>(a) a person fears or is experiencing domestic violence; and</p> <p>(b) the information may help the entity receiving the information to assess whether there is a serious threat to the person’s life, health or safety because of the domestic violence.</p>	Authorised Officers may give, receive or use information in the same way as a <i>prescribed entity</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Director-General, Early Childhood and State Schools</li> <li>• Deputy Director-General, Schools and Student Support</li> <li>• Deputy Director-General, Early Childhood</li> <li>• Deputy Director-General, People, Information and Communication Services</li> <li>• Assistant Director-General, Disability, Inclusion and Student Services</li> <li>• Assistant Director-General, Information and Technologies</li> <li>• Regional Director</li> <li>• Director, Regional Services</li> <li>• Principal Advisor, Regional Services</li> <li>• Principal Advisor, Education Services</li> <li>• Principal</li> <li>• Deputy Principal</li> <li>• Senior Guidance Officer</li> <li>• Guidance Officer</li> <li>• Executive Director, Student Protection</li> </ul>
<b>s.169E</b>	<p><b>Sharing information for responding to serious domestic violence threat</b></p> <p>A prescribed entity, specialist DFV service provider or support service provider (each the <i>holder</i>) may give information to another prescribed entity, specialist DFV service provider or support service provider if the holder reasonably believes—</p> <p>(a) a person fears or is experiencing domestic violence; and</p> <p>(b) the information may help the entity receiving the information to lessen or prevent a serious threat to the person’s life, health or</p>		



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	safety because of the domestic violence.		and Wellbeing
<b>s.169G</b>	<p><b>Permitted uses of shared information</b></p> <p>(1) A prescribed entity or specialist DFV service provider may use information given to it under this division to the extent necessary to do the following—</p> <p>(a) assess whether there is serious threat to a person’s life, health or safety because of domestic violence;</p> <p>(b) lessen or prevent a serious threat to a person’s life, health or safety because of domestic violence, including by—</p> <p>(i) contacting, or attempting to contact, the person or another person involved in the domestic violence; or</p> <p>(ii) offering to provide assistance or a service to the person or another person involved in the domestic violence.</p> <p>(2) A support service provider may use information given to it under this division to the extent necessary to lessen or prevent a serious threat to a person’s life, health or safety because of domestic violence, including by—</p> <p>(a) contacting, or attempting to contact, the person or another person involved in the domestic violence; or</p> <p>(b) offering to provide assistance or a service to the person or another person involved in the domestic violence.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, Student Protection</li> <li>• Manager, Domestic and Family Violence, Student Protection</li> <li>• Principal Advisor, Student Protection</li> <li>• Assistant Director-General, People and Chief People Officer</li> <li>• Executive Director, Business Partnering</li> <li>• Executive Director, Safety, Wellbeing and Capability</li> <li>• Executive Director, Integrity and Employee Relations</li> <li>• Director, Organisational Safety and Wellbeing</li> <li>• Director, Intake and Assessment</li> <li>• Director, Investigations, Performance and Conduct</li> <li>• Director, Employee Relations</li> <li>• Executive Director, Workforce Services, Systems and Analytics</li> <li>• Manager, Domestic and Family Violence, People</li> <li>• Manager, Intake and Assessment</li> <li>• Manager, Integrity and Capability</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manager, Investigations</li>   <li>• Manager, Performance and Conduct</li>   <li>• Manager, Employee Relations</li>   <li>• Executive Director, Regulation, Assessment and Service Quality, Early Childhood</li>   <li>• Director, Regulation, Assessment and Service Quality, Early Childhood</li>   <li>• Regional Early Childhood Education and Care Director</li>   <li>• Manager, Home Education Unit</li> </ul>