

Department of Education

Instrument of Authorisation

Director-General's Powers

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

(Version 7 – Effective Date 1 July 2025)

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INSTRUMENT OF AUTHORISATION

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

I, Sharon Schimming, 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 takes effect on 1 July 2025 (Effective Date). On the Effective Date, this Instrument of Authorisation will revoke and replace 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* (Previous Instrument). Any Previous Instrument will remain in force until the Effective Date.



SHARON SCHIMMING
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATED AT BRISBANE THIS 25 day of June, 2025.

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

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Reference	Nature of Power	Observations / Limitations	Authorised Officers
Part 5A – Information sharing			
Division 2 – Information sharing			
s.169D	<p>Sharing information for assessing domestic violence threat</p> <p>(1) A prescribed entity or specialist DFV service provider (each the holder) may give information to another prescribed entity or specialist DFV service provider if the holder reasonably believes—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) a person fears or is experiencing domestic violence; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(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 holder) may give information to a prescribed entity or specialist DFV service provider if the holder reasonably believes—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) a person fears or is experiencing domestic violence; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(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>Authorised Officers may give, receive or use information in the same way as a <i>prescribed entity</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Director-General, School and Regional Operations and Performance • Deputy Director-General, State Schools Strategy • Deputy Director-General, Early Childhood, Regulation and Communication • Deputy Director-General, Corporate and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services • Assistant Director-General - within State Schools Strategy • Assistant Director-General, Information and Technologies • Regional Director • Director, Regional Services • Executive Director, Regional Operations Officer • Director, Education Services • Principal Advisor, Regional Services • Principal Advisor, Education Services • Director, Student, Child and Family
s.169E	<p>Sharing information for responding to serious domestic violence threat</p> <p>A prescribed entity, specialist DFV service provider or support service provider (each the holder) may give information to another prescribed entity, specialist DFV service provider or support service provider if the holder reasonably believes—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) a person fears or is experiencing domestic violence; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(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.		Connect
s.169G	<p>Permitted uses of shared information</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"> • Director, Student Services • Principal • Deputy Principal • Senior Guidance Officer • Guidance Officer • Social Worker • Senior Social Worker • Senior Advisor, Social Work • Principal Advisor, Social Work • Psychologist • Senior Psychologist • Senior Advisor, Psychology • Senior Clinician, Statewide Wellbeing • Executive Director - within Student Support • Director, Student Protection • Manager, Student Protection • Principal Advisor, Student Protection • Assistant Director-General, Human Resources Strategy and Chief Human Resources Officer • Assistant Director-General, Human Resources School

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			<p>Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director, Business Partnering • Executive Director, Safety, Wellbeing and Capability • Executive Director, Workforce Services, Systems and Analytics • Executive Director, Integrity and Employee Relations • Director - within Integrity and Employee Relations • Manager - within Integrity and Employee Relations • Director, Organisational Safety and Wellbeing • Manager, Domestic and Family Violence, People • Executive Director, Early Childhood Regulatory Authority • Director, Regulation • Manager, Home Education