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Media Release – DV victims let down by Labor

The Queensland Labor government has failed to implement one of the most important recommendations of the Sofronoff Review of the Queensland Parole System almost five years after the review was completed.

Recommendation 84 of the review included ensuring victims of domestic violence were informed if an offender was approaching parole release date or was preparing to apply for parole.

“To have such an important recommendation from a government-funded review still not complete five years after the recommendation is bad enough,” Mr Last said. “When that recommendation is focused on ensuring the safety of Domestic Violence victims, failing to fully implement the recommendation is a disgrace.”

“Our community sees domestic and family violence as one of the most heinous crimes. It is completely unacceptable that the Palaszczuk government doesn’t share that opinion.”

Mr Last said he found, and Queenslanders would find, any reason provided by the government for the recommendation not being implemented hard to believe.

“Domestic violence is an issue that the Palaszczuk government says it is committed to addressing,” Mr Last said. “Yet the same government lets five years pass without providing victims with notice of when the person who attacked them is released.”

“There is no doubt that victims would live in fear of their attacker returning to attack them again. The Labor government has been found wanting when it comes to taking action on addressing this fear in a practical way.”

“There is simply no excuse for this recommendation not being fully implemented by now and there is no commitment to it being completed by June 30, 2022. Minister Ryan has failed some of our community’s most vulnerable people and is, obviously, not up to the job.”

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