

**STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND SUPPORT ACT 2013**

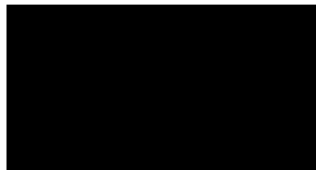
Further submission by Survivors & Mates Support Network (SAMSUN)

SAMSUN would like to make a further submission. This submission is in relation to the policy objective

- Establishing a scheme for the provision of support for victims of acts of violence.

As it currently stands the Victims Support Scheme is only available to victims of violent crime that have occurred in New South Wales, rather than being available to *all* victims of crime living in NSW. It is our submission that such a restriction does not align with services available for these victims through other government services. Survivors of violent crimes in other jurisdictions (interstate and overseas) who now live in NSW need to access supports that are preventative and can keep them out of our hospitals, jails, rehab centres etc.

It is our submission that to provide supports to these victims of crime, would mean many of these victims would not need to access New South Wales state based medical and/or other services and that not to do so is a false economy.



MD/CEO

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