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**Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (Disclosure of Information) Bill 2023**

Dear Mr Strickland,

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to comment on the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Amendment (Disclosure of Information) Bill 2023.

DonatLife Victoria (DLV) are a state-wide network of health professionals who facilitate and coordinate organ and tissue donation in Victoria.

DLV forms part of a national network of DonatLife agencies. We work under the direction of the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority (the OTA) and the Victorian Department of Health.

Importantly, we are responsible for raising awareness of organ and tissue donation in the state, and for encouraging Victorians to register on the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR) and talk to their families about their decision. In doing this, we work closely with donor families and recipients to share their stories to encourage others to consider donation. These personal stories are at the heart of what we do, and are the thing that resonates the most with the community when talking about donation.

We have reviewed the bill and accompanying documents and express our support for its passing. We believe it is critically important that this information can be shared without breaching law of a state or territory.

Regards,

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