



VICTIM OF CRIME CHARTER

The Office of the Public Prosecutor Undertaking to Victims of Crime

- 1 To treat victims with courtesy, compassion, respect and dignity. This will include, in some cases, seeking orders from the court to suppress names, ensuring the victim cannot see the accused in court and close the court to maintain the victims dignity.
- 2 To take into account and to treat a victim in a way that responds to their needs, for example obtaining support for children or people with disability during the court process.
- 3 To assist the return, as soon as possible, of a victims property which has been held as evidence. Where a victims property is not held by the OPP the victim will be directed to the police case officer.
- 4 To seek all necessary protection from violence and intimidation by a person accused of a crime against the victim, this includes:
 - seeking protective bail conditions from the court;
 - opposing bail because of the risk to the victim;
 - seeking suppression of the victims home address or contact details.
- 5 When a defendant has been convicted of an offence involving domestic violence and there is reason to believe that the victim remains at significant risk, the prosecutor will refer the concerns to police.
- 6 When a victim has suffered a loss that can be supported by documentation the prosecutor will seek a compensation or reparation order from the court at sentence.
- 7 To assist in protecting the victims privacy as far as possible and to take into account the victims welfare at all stages of the prosecution.