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Community Affairs Legislation Committee
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Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2026.

Dear Committee Secretariat,

The Working with Women Alliance (WwWA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2026. The insights provided are informed by our work on safety and gender equality, with particular focus on child support reform.

We wish to endorse the submission by Single Mother Families and highlight:

- Opposition to the offset of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) debts against tax refunds or FTB top-up payments.
- Conditional support for the use of Pre-Issue Income Data (PIID) for child support assessments.
- Expansion to allow merits review of decision to offset FTB debts arising from child support weaponization and other forms of family and domestic violence.

We also note our recent report on Ending the Weaponisation of the Child Support System and the recommendations in relation to ATO and Services Australia system amendments to prevent further harm to women who have experienced domestic and family violence.

We thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide input and look forward to continued engagement on these important reforms.

Yours sincerely,
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