

# **The Presbyterian Church of Victoria**

## *Statement on Domestic and Family Violence*

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The Presbyterian Church of Victoria is firmly opposed to all forms of domestic and family violence. Husbands are specifically told, 'Love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her' (Eph 5:25) and are warned, to love their 'wives and not be harsh with them...' and to live with them 'in an understanding way' (Col 3:19; 1 Pet 3:7).

Therefore, any attempt to twist the biblical teaching to tacitly sanction domestic violence or abuse is a gross perversion of the Bible's teaching. Domestic and family violence is repugnant to God and an anathema to the biblical model of sacrificial love and service.

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