

### **3.0 THE SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee acknowledges the work of the Commonwealth's Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senate Committee) and their report of February 2016 headed 'Phenomenon colloquially referred to as "revenge porn"' which has been of great assistance in the development of this report.

The Committee agrees with the use of the phrase 'non-consensual sharing of intimate images', or similar, when referring to the phenomenon colloquially known as 'revenge porn' in legislation and formal documentation. The Committee also accepts that there is a need for harmony and consistency between Australian jurisdictions, and for any Northern Territory legislation to take into account any relevant offences enacted by the Commonwealth. The Committee also supports the Commonwealth Government empowering a Commonwealth agency to issue take down notices for non-consensually shared intimate images.

The Committee also accepts the need for all Australian police officers to undertake basic training in relation to the non-consensual sharing of intimate images, and in particular, any new offences in the relevant jurisdiction, to ensure they are equipped to respond to offences of this nature and are aware of the gravity of failure to acknowledge the seriousness of the offence.