

Joint Statement in relation to the Motor Vehicles (Offensive Advertising) Amendment Bill 2018 - 'The Wicked Campers Bill'

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We are deeply committed to preventing and ending violence against women and girls and to ensuring our community is free from disrespectful language and behaviour towards women and sexism.

The slogans on Wicked Campers that promote violence against women, including murder, and that deeply disrespect women are utterly unacceptable. Whilst not all disrespect ends with women being assaulted or killed, all violence begins with disrespect.

As we contemplate the terrible prevalence of women being killed in Australia during 2018 and as the scourge of domestic violence persists, it is incumbent on all community leaders to use every effort to raise awareness that violence against women and that which trivialises it, and disrespectful statements about women, are never OK.

We support the private member's bill moved by Shadow Minister for the Status of Women Katrine Hildyard MP to give power to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to refuse to register, or to deregister, Wicked Campers and other vehicles that have had complaints upheld against them by the Ad Standards.

This Bill represents a step forward in our collective efforts to end violence and disrespect against women.

We call on the State Government to support the bill in the House of Assembly tomorrow.

Passing this legislation will ensure our leaders send a clear message to our South Australian community about what our Government and our Parliament values, and that our political leaders are united in their commitment to ending violence and disrespect towards women.

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