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Jari's Law passes the House of Assembly

An amendment to the *Coroners Act 1995* known as Jari's Law passed the House of Assembly today.

Included in the *Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (No.2) 2023,* Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Guy Barnett, said the amendment ensures deaths where family violence have contributed can be appropriately examined, even where there are no criminal proceedings.

"Unfortunately, statistics show that family violence continues to play a role in a significant number of deaths each year," said the Attorney-General.

"However, for a range of reasons, it is sadly the case that the criminal justice system does not always provide answers about the circumstances of such deaths.

"It is critical the Government's response to protecting those exposed to family violence is informed by evidence, and an understanding of the circumstances that contribute to family violence related deaths.

"Jari's Law means obtaining these answers is made more likely."

Jari's Law comes after the unstinting advocacy of the mother of Tasmanian man Jari Wise to change sections of the *Coroners Act 1995.*

Mr Wise died in Huonville in February 2020 when he was struck by a car driven by his partner.

"I would like to acknowledge Jari's mother Faith Tkalac for her tireless campaign to honor her son Jari by ensuring our laws reflect our commitment to doing everything we possibly can to make sure that all Tasmanians are safe, equal and respected.

"Jari's Law is another step toward ensuring our homes, families and communities are free from all forms of family and sexual violence."

The *Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (No.2) 2023* also includes reforms to the Criminal Code and other related matters.