

1. adoption	the process by which a couple become the legal parents of a child born to someone else	16. consent order	an enforceable agreement made by separating people about a wide range of matters
2. adoption plan	a plan made by agreement between the adoptive parents and birth parents, often called open adoption	17. contact veto	an order lodged with Community Services preventing contact between an adopted adult and his or her biological parent
3. apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO)	an order made to protect a person against the behaviour of someone with whom they are or have been in a domestic relationship	18. counselling	the process by which a third party listens to the parties to a dispute and helps them to minimise their differences and reach agreement, involving a healing focus
4. apprehended personal violence order (APVO)	an order made to protect a person against the behaviour of someone with whom they have never had a domestic relationship	19. customary law marriage	a marriage entered into according to aboriginal tribal custom rather than according to Australian law
5. apprehended violence order (AVO)	an order imposed by a Local Court which restricts the behaviour of the defendant for a period of time	20. de facto relationship	when two people live together as a married couple, though they are not legally married
6. artificial insemination	the practice whereby semen is medically implanted into a woman's reproductive system so that she can bear a child	21. divorce	the legal dissolution of a marriage
7. artificial reproductive technology (ART)	technologies that allow women to become pregnant via artificial means, such as artificial insemination and IVF; also known as birth technologies	22. domestic violence	actual or threatened harm or harassment within a domestic relationship
8. autonomy of children	the ability of children to make more and more decisions for themselves as they grow older		
9. binding financial agreements	agreements that will be enforced by the law and which deal with some or all of the financial resources of the parties to a marriage or de facto relationship		
10. blended family	a married or de facto couple and their children from previous relationships		
11. care plan	a plan which sets out the steps that will be taken by a family to resolve the concern that Community Services has about a child		
12. child	a person under the age of 18 years; also known as a 'minor'		
13. child abuse	assault of a child, including sexual assault, ill-treatment of a child or exposing a child to behaviour that psychologically harms him or her		
14. conciliation	the process by which a conciliator or mediator listens to both parties to a dispute and makes suggestions in an effort to bring the two parties to agreement		
15. conscience vote	when politicians vote on legislation according to their personal moral beliefs, not according to party political policy		