

To,
The Relevant Committee

I would like to start by thanking Labour Government and other parties who took the step to make changes on this bill which was in place from last 38 years. As the world is progressing and changing, so we need to think accordingly.

As Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 prioritise about the best interest of child and waiving presumption of equal share parental responsibility, they should also be more particular about child's safety as well the safety of the primary carer of child. If the child and parent were subjected to family violence/child abuse by father/mother, then the child should not be reunited to the abusive party again as it puts child and primary carer in danger or risk of violence. It will not be in the best interest of child to make arrangements and go back to trauma where he or his parent faced from another parent.

By initiating these step, it brings more safety to the community and also decreases the chances of child abuse as the abusive party will be aware that his/her chances of reunification will be taken away if he/she is not safe for child. Children are future of Australia, it is very important that they should not be around parties or even parents if they are unsafe or has a history of family violence/child abuse/child neglect against them.

We hope to hear some positive feedback and we expect some changes from Family law for the sake of our future community and best interest pf child.