

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011
[Provisions]Dear Sir/Madam

One has only to look at the news to see that women kill children at least as much as men do, which in reality is not much in Australia. Look at the recent case of Kiesha Abrahams.

The basing of any policy to inhibit contact with fathers is totally unfounded. I suggest you have a look at the statistics:

Since the introduction of the Family Law Act reforms of 2006 the child homicide rate has reduced by almost 50%. In 2005 twelve children aged between 0-17 died by fatal assault, by 2009 that number was down to seven children. It is clear that the 2006 reforms reduced the danger to children.

Don't roll the reforms back based on the skewed analysis of statistics found in some reports.

Check them out as a professional would.

I would also urge the Senate to stop perpetuating the lie that fathers are more likely to kill their children than mothers. Straightforward analysis of the statistics available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics proves that mothers alone are responsible for almost 50% of the total deaths, whilst biological fathers are responsible for less than 25%. In fact males involved with the mother (usually new partners) kill more children than biological fathers, but not as many the number of children murdered by their own mothers.

Also do not allow anyone to get away with lying in court. This practice is widespread in the "Family Court"

The basing of residency and access on lies is reprehensible and there need to be real penalties for it (i.e. enforced).

I direct you to the submission made by Mens Rights Australia, titled "RE: Proposed changes to family law legislation announced by the Attorney General" a copy of which I have read and understand.

I fully support everything contained in that submission, having been through the Family Law Courts to allow my son to know and live with me.

Yours sincerely