

**Submission to the Inquiry: Family Law Legislation
Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011
[Provisions].**

In response to proposed amendments to the Family Law Legislation

My name is _____ and I have been a single father since _____, during this time my children have experienced some traumatic experiences,

But during this time I have had the joy of being able to have ongoing access which has only been limited by my _____
Just the fact that I have been able to have this time has helped my children and I process these events without the worry of not having time with each other.

I have maintained a very open communication with my children and reinforced my love to them as well as talk about any fears, worries and feelings that came up as a result of the separation

Being able to spend time with my kids and just being able to enjoy at times the simple things in life like fishing or riding bikes together I believe has been a blessing to them and myself.

Unfortunately I have heard stories of father who don't have this opportunity and the disastrous impact that this had on them let alone their children which in some cases has left the children without a father at all.

Therefore in regards to the proposed amendments to the Family Law Legislation I would strongly oppose any changes and believe that if this was to go ahead it would have an even greater impact on the lives of single parents especially fathers and children .

My relationship with my children is just as strong if not stronger now because of the bond we have through the events of last year and being able to talk openly about it.

Yours truly