

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill  
2011 [Provisions]

Dear Sirs,

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

Research from the University of Western Australia indicates that rolling back the reforms is based on the skewed analysis of statistics found in some other reports.

I would also urge the Senate to stop perpetuating the lie that Fathers are more likely to kill their children. Straightforward analysis of the statistics available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics proves that Mothers alone are responsible for the greatest number of 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 still nowhere near the number of children murdered by their own Mothers.

Do not roll back the Family Law Act reforms of 2006 based on a lie.

Finally Sirs, I direct you to the submission made by Mens Rights Australia, titled

**“RE: Proposed changes to family law legislation announced by the Attorney General “**

Thank You,