

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

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.

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 almost 50% of the total deaths, while Fathers (Biological Fathers) are responsible for not even 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. Sadly I refer you to the very recent case of Kiesha Abrahams, abused and murdered by her Mother and Step-Father.

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 " 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. Many things happened during that case, which lasted five years from first filing to resolution of the last, unresolved matter, but had the mother been facing penalties or at least some form of censure for perjury, for creating conflict situations and for making false allegations that case would have been resolved promptly, within months, instead of tying up Court Resources for those five years.

Thank You,

(a Father & a Step-Father).