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<b>Issues</b>	
<i>Please indicate which issues from the committee's Terms of Reference are relevant to your submission</i>	
a. ongoing issues and further improvements relating to the interaction and information sharing between the family law system and state and territory child protection systems, and family and domestic violence jurisdictions, including: i. the process, and evidential and legal standards and onuses of proof, in relation to the granting of domestic violence orders and apprehended violence orders, and ii. the visibility of, and consideration given to, domestic violence orders and apprehended violence orders in family law proceedings;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b. the appropriateness of family court powers to ensure parties in family law proceedings provide truthful and complete evidence, and the ability of the court to make orders for non-compliance and the efficacy of the enforcement of such orders;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
c. beyond the proposed merger of the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court any other reform that may be needed to the family law and the current structure of the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
d. the financial costs to families of family law proceedings, and options to reduce the financial impact, with particular focus on those instances where legal fees incurred by parties are disproportionate to the total property pool in dispute or are disproportionate to the objective level of complexity of parenting issues, and with consideration being given amongst other things to banning 'disappointment fees', and: i. capping total fees by reference to the total pool of assets in dispute, or any other regulatory option to prevent disproportionate legal fees being charged in family law matters, and ii. any mechanisms to improve the timely, efficient and effective resolution of property disputes in family law proceedings;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. the effectiveness of the delivery of family law support services and family dispute resolution processes;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
f. the impacts of family law proceedings on the health, safety and wellbeing of children and families involved in those proceedings;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
g. any issues arising for grandparent carers in family law matters and family law court proceedings;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
h. any further avenues to improve the performance and monitoring of professionals involved in family law proceedings and the resolution of disputes, including agencies, family law practitioners, family law experts and report writers, the staff and judicial officers of the courts, and family dispute resolution practitioners;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
i. any improvements to the interaction between the family law system and the child support system;	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
j. the potential usage of pre-nuptial agreements and their enforceability to minimise future property disputes; and	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
k. any related matters	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Your submission**

*Please provide a brief summary of your experience and any relevant issues. Your submission should respond to one or more of the committee's Terms of Reference*

*I am the Co-Founder of Divorce Justice, an online dispute resolution technology service that seeks to change family law for the better.*

*The family law/divorce system is too complicated, too confrontational and too costly.*

*Too many close family and friends, and their children (and our own) have suffered because the family law system prevents a reasoned, fair and just outcome. A broken marriage can so often lead to broken finances, then a broken home, leaving children more vulnerable to abuse, trafficking and child prostitution.*

*The Family Law and Family Courts are not "fit for purpose"*

*We want to help change this broken system – we believe we can offer the following services to radically re-shape the Family Law system:*

- 1. We want to offer online uncontested divorce for free*
- 2. We want to use an Online Dispute Resolution service and use Artificial Intelligence (Ai) to help couples solve contested issues, quickly, easily and cheaper than using lawyers. We want to offer this for a flat monthly fee, thus replacing the unpredictable billable hours model.*

**If there is insufficient room above to summarise your experience and relevant issues, please  
attach an additional page to this submission.**

## Proposed solutions

*Please indicate any proposed solutions you may have that correspond to the committee's Terms of Reference*

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  - ii. *the visibility of, and consideration given to, domestic violence orders and apprehended violence orders in family law proceedings;*
- b. *the appropriateness of family court powers to ensure parties in family law proceedings provide truthful and complete evidence, and the ability of the court to make orders for non-compliance and the efficacy of the enforcement of such orders;*
- c. *beyond the proposed merger of the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court any other reform that may be needed to the family law and the current structure of the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court;*
- d. *the financial costs to families of family law proceedings, and options to reduce the financial impact, with particular focus on those instances where legal fees incurred by parties are disproportionate to the total property pool in dispute or are disproportionate to the objective level of complexity of parenting issues, and with consideration being given amongst other things to banning 'disappointment fees', and:*
  - i. *capping total fees by reference to the total pool of assets in dispute, or any other regulatory option to prevent disproportionate legal fees being charged in family law matters, and*
  - ii. *any mechanisms to improve the timely, efficient and effective resolution of property disputes in family law proceedings;*
- e. *the effectiveness of the delivery of family law support services and family dispute resolution processes;*

<i>f. the impacts of family law proceedings on the health, safety and wellbeing of children and families involved in those proceedings;</i>
<i>g. any issues arising for grandparent carers in family law matters and family law court proceedings;</i>
<i>h. any further avenues to improve the performance and monitoring of professionals involved in family law proceedings and the resolution of disputes, including agencies, family law practitioners, family law experts and report writers, the staff and judicial officers of the courts, and family dispute resolution practitioners;</i>
<i>i. any improvements to the interaction between the family law system and the child support system;</i>
<i>j. the potential usage of pre-nuptial agreements and their enforceability to minimise future property disputes; and</i>
<i>k. any related matters</i>

**If there is insufficient room above to discuss your proposed solutions, please attach additional pages to this submission.**