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Reference: To the Honourable Members of the Senate Committee

Subject: SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE
FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY VIOLENCE
AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2011.

Dear Honourable Members,

I am writing to express my support for the changes to the Family Law Act proposed in the draft Family Law Amendment (Family Violence) Bill 2011.

The legislation has to have teeth to protect the innocent and the vulnerable and to have solid guidelines that have to be followed before any law process can take place.

- 1) There has been and are many **fathers and mothers equally** who have been violent to the children due to a narcissist attitude or genetic make up. I shall refer to **parent 1G** as the passive good parent and **parent 2B** as the violent, narcissist, bad parent.

The **first thing** is a proper investigation of the background of the parents and children to determine an oversight breakdown of the problems that exist. First **priority** MUST be **the children** and how much trauma and damage has already been done to them and what they need in the way of expert care to help them get back on track

Second if a parent 2B has been shown to be violent, that parent MUST be sent to anger management and therapy and have only a **chance** (not a right) of **supervised** visits up to 8 years old and depending on assessment supervised visits or possible unsupervised visits after the age of 8.

(The age of 8 being the age that a child has started school and the child should have the minimum communication skills to report any incorrect behaviour about any parent access session. This should be able to be reported to the local police from a minor scale event that may be used in future reference to a serious scale regarding mental or physical abuse. At the age of 8 a child should be listened to on feelings regarding a possible preference as to which parent that child may wish to reside with. If this is instigated then there needs to be follow up on a

monthly basis for the first year to make sure that the correct decision has been made on that child's behalf.)

Thirdly, if the other **victim** parent 1G has been traumatised by the behaviour of the violent **parent** 2B then some assistance has to be given to get that **Victim Parent** 1G back on track physically and emotionally. If the abused parent does not receive proper therapy then the abused child does not gain strong enough support that they need from at least one parent that has good intentions.

(Facts 1)

- 2) There has been and are many parents, especially those who lobby for equal access to their children.
- 3) There has been and are many who through no fault of their own **but by** manipulation that have been denied access to their children since before the family Law Act Legislation.
- 4) There has been and are many who have been violent to their partner and children due to the belief of their controlling ownership of the family members.

(Facts 2)

- 5) It is a very contentious issue where there is no clear winner as to which parent is the least violent to have custody of the children. A wrong parent decision can destroy a child. A correct decision picking the correct parent gives a chance to the child to make something of their life. If both parents are not suitable because of too many problems then this needs to be addressed. A **fact finding** based on a long history searching for bad behaviors by evaluating both parents based on best accurate probability needs to be looked at and a relation, friend or foster parent may need to be appointed
- 6) The changes can not be based on gender bias as it affects equally the fathers as well as the mothers.
- 7) The behavior of children is directly related to copying acts and thoughts from parents and their associates.

(Facts 3) **What changes must be made to improve the current Family Law Act.**

- 8) That the Courts Magistrates and Judges be given more power to cross examine individual parents directly in child custody cases and follow up on truth important as is consequences for fabrication.
- 9) That lawyers are banned from litigation in court of children access issues as this courses **delays** and damages children being subjected to a bad environment

It is not an argument on violent parent adult freedom or rights, but the safety of children first and foremost.

- 10) That all adulthood criminal history or violent behavior of both the parents be accessible by the Family Courts. This is to include any additional information like educational and medical history. **The aim** that the parent with the **most** criminal behavior and excess drug, alcohol and violent tendencies lose custody

rights of the children, until they can prove through drug hair tests that this is no longer a problem.

- 11) That the family Courts also keep and investigate the records of other Family members (Parents, Grandparents and siblings, in Family Court Affidavits for consistencies or irregularities brought before the court. This may help ascertain the facts or potential of which parent the children will be the better to have custody under.

With the aim that the parent with the **least** potential violent, drug, mental, and alcoholic **history** or **fabrication** of evidences to have full custody (guardianship) of the children

The result should be to choose the parent with the **best history** potential to be given full custody (guardianship) of the children in relation to the child's upbringing.

Aim: To change the current Family Law Act.

- a) Break the cycle of violence. Violent parents have a disastrous effect on children.
- b) Less legal costing to passive parent.
- c) Less ability to use vendetta by narcissist parent or a dominant vindictive parent.
- d) Less ability for the dominant parent **to fudge**, manipulates, and fabricates evidence to the detriment of the children.
- e) The children will have less emotional distress to carry into adult hood by not being associated weekly from bickering parents.
- f) To reduce the number of ongoing instances that a dominate parent can use the system to threaten continually the passive parent and child with financial disadvantage, threats, Intimidation, physical and or emotional assaults. This can potentially affect a child age 1 to 12 (continually for some 11 years).
- g) The Act has to take away the **perceived** legal right to intimidate with litigation by a violent parent.
- h) It will give **forward public perception of standards of behaviour** to potential parents who love **challenging authority** (governments, Courts, Police, School teachers, sexual partners) by past and future bad violent behaviour.
- i) The present legal system of the Family Law gives the perception those rights **of shared parenting** NO MATTER HOW VIOLENT ONE HAS BEEN will win access of a child with persistence, money and manipulation.

This perception **MUST** be made a fallacy in the legal wording of the amendments to the Family Law.

- j) Hopefully the positives to the changes will be:
 - l) There would be less forced residential location living of the placid parent forced by the **dominant self pleasing irresponsible** parent.

- II) The children may in all probability be not subjected to bad behaviour of a parent on drugs, alcohol, hoon driving, and demonstrating Temper tantrum.
- III) The children would have less emotional distress to carry into adulthood.

This would **alleviate lawyers'** dobbing in their own clients or manipulating the facts to advantage their client.

12). That all primary school to adulthood criminal history or violent behavior be accessed by the Family Courts in regards to educational and medical custody of children under the age of 10. .

13) It has to be remembered that Family Law Judges and Magistrates are not qualified psychologists and should therefore have access to advice when needed with as little delay as possible

At presently Family Law Judges and Magistrates do not have direct contact with litigants or the child. So they can not make wise Judgments based on facts.

- a) Lawyers are not required to be honest but to convey the best story to advantage their client. This cannot be to the best interests of a child.
- b) If a lawyer of one party suggests psychologist assessment then It should be automatic for the other party to under go the same Independent assessment.

Equal rights what is good for the goose is good for the Gander.

What is good for the father should be good for the mother.

The submissions lodged with you by the Lone Fathers and or Single Mothers Associations should be used equally against each gender if equality and balance is the aim of the committee.

This could be done by heading the clauses of the legislation based on RESPONSIBILITIES RATHER THAN SEX GENDERS.

(FATHER OR MOTHER, HIM OR HER TO S/HE)

Since children copy from parents. Then violent parents most possibly have one of their own parents that are also a violent parent. This should make the Court Judges and Magistrates make each paternal and maternal grandparents be also Psychologically assessed and to be aware when placing children. What the Judge has to consider is any anger, drug, alcohol or sexual problems and therefore assess both sides of the extended family. Everyone has to come under scrutiny in the best interests of the child. (Test and attend Alcohol, drug, anger management, parental responsibilities etcetera, at agencies like Relationship Australia).

- 14) **The obsession that children must have two parents to have a happy, balance, respect full life can be proved wrong by:**

Simply investigating the children of immigrants coming to Australia during the 1950's.

The future is based on the past experiences not points of opinions based on justifications by the fathers or the mothers.

- I) .My father served in World War 2. Migrated to Australia in 1949. I came with my mother in 1952 as did many hundreds of Other families in the same time line. To date I have no criminal records or serious driving or summery offences.
- II) Many other European immigrants of the 1950's were from single parent up bringing when the children came to join the fathers some 10 years latter. Many of these children to date have no criminal records or serious driving or summary offences.

If you desire to look up migrant's children, police or educational records you will find no more than 1 percent have convictions of violence or being poor or bad parents.

- III) One would also like to assess and investigate the children of one parent deceased and follow the out come of violence, mental and physical mal adjustments. of those children. One can assume that the results will show that only about 2 percent would be affected. Yet if one studies the same of children from violent parent separations with or without shared parenting, the results would show over 10 percent such children from such parents are either or both mentally, physically scared. Due to continual daily, weekly or yearly bickering between parents.

- 15)**** **Step Parents/Defacto is an issue that won't go away as many people fall in and out of relationships. Some go into relationships just to protect themselves from the previous abuser because the law is not strong enough.** It is my opinion that the natural parent has to make a certain amount of good will decisions in the interest of their child. The court can therefore not be involved in giving a step parent/defacto any power to make decisions for there is no guarantee that the step parent/defacto would have the best interests of the child at heart. It is proven over history that a natural loving home environment between two biological parents have trouble sometimes treating all children equally without discrimination

Introducing a foreign person in the legal relationship to a child could make the child's situation worse depending on the integrity of that person.

This bad treatment of step children in today's separations due to violence, illegal drug abuse, spite, vengeance, torments, deprivation, and poor extended family interventions or support would make it impossible for the **Family Courts to bring civility** and resolutions for what is in the best interest of the child.

It is sometimes hard to be fair in the best interest of a child when natural loving home environment between two adult biological parents to treat all children equally without fear of discrimination. A foreign person in the relationship of a child should not have total say over biological family extensions as this could cause an impossible problem in resolving some issues. Sexual assaults of step children do occur.

There are already twisted parents that sexually abuse their own children.

We do not need twisted step parents/defacto to be an added threat.

This bad treatment of step children in today's separations due to violence, illegal drug abuse, spit, vengeance, torments, and depriving food and clothing over a non blood related child.

Child Needs from Birth to age 2 at least, if not longer. The basics of a stable carer and safe home, preferably a stay at home parent who is able to provide Love, comfort. Food, shelter, milk, nappy changes, Day and night 24/7. Doctors visits weekly or monthly. Share laughter, emotional and physical support. This is the time to learn life confident support skills. **encouragement AND PLAY. Children need** quiet time and space not to feel stressed.

Any child at any age does not need conflict and daily heart wrenching emotional behaviour as to which parent is right or wrong and who to give their love and trust.

The intended new amending legislation should make it compulsory that the police clearance of step parents/defacto parents be automatically requested and divulged and exchanged to each parent.

That the occupants of place of residence (home) in which a child is required to sleep over night, i.e. due to a court order etc. should be made available to and exchanged to each parent. At the moment there are only a word of mouth system and no checks on defacto partners sharing accommodation and no follow up on safety of accommodation and no ability for a partner to investigate or obtain proof of neglect.

The parent with the least danger to the children should have control guardianship of the children.

Any increase in potential danger to the children **should be a justifiable excuse** not to allow overnight stay. This clause imbedded into legislation would encourage better partner selection all round, for passive parent 1G as well as violent parent 2B.

Both parents would do every thing in their power if they each **placed "the best interest of the child** "over their own self gratification. (Especially if they were desperate to see and share that child.) **It should not the responsibility of the Family Law Court to make it easy for adult to pick and choose options.** The Court sole responsibility should be to defend the innocent helpless child from danger of mental, physical and sexual torture by adults. Put in checks and balances to make sure what is perceived to being done is being done.

16) To keep the current Family Law Act. As is will:

- a) Repeat the precedents set of the
Lost Generation because it is not racial by behavioural issue.
- b) Will only antagonize more friction
between parents for the life of the children.
- c) Will allow the dominant parent to still use the law to keep

- that dominance and vendetta against the placid partner
- d) Allow the dominant parent (narcissist) to still use the children to punish disobedient parent. How dare question authority?
 - e) Keep the cycle of violence to continue unabated which ultimately effects the child and extended members of the family.

17), At the moment a parent s/he has a right to access his/her child no matter what the Psychological disorders or bad habits. This is wrong in thought, act and not workable or in the best interests of the child

The family Law Court cannot force a person to under go Psychological assessment.

Emotionally and mentally disturb parents do drive cars while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, temper, anger, etcetera while having children as passengers in the car. Such drivers do drive recklessly and at worse cause serious injuries to the passengers. Yet politicians still require this same person to have. **Unsupervised free access to the children without forced undertaking Treatment or rehabilitation with a certified Psychologist – no proof of safety required.**

Why.

Do politicians make such inconsistent in laws? An unroadworthy vehicle has the potential to be in accidents but a habitual violent parent has to commit an actual offence of violence to the children. Hard to prove without being present to witness the act.

The history of violence by the parent or extended family members is not taken into consideration by the Family Law Judges and the caring parent lives in fear for the children every time the children are in the unsupervised care of the potential dangerous partner. (Other parent)

The local and Federal Police do not report to the second parent the car travelling violations such as dangerous driving, driving under the influence of drugs. THIS SHOULD BE MADE MANDATORY if weight for the safety of children is seriously considered by the Parliament.

The present Family Law legislation gives a hypocritical interpretation by politicians and a condoning violence perception to violent parents.

- 18) The Family Law Act must be changed immediately to get rid of violent environment for children. Get rid of the mentality that children MUST have both parents in their life. Children of soldiers killed in past wars, and children born of a mother's death during birth. The children brought up by these single parents have proved that they can all live and achieved well with ONE PARENT, within THE extended family of all ONE sex gender like uncle or Aunt etcetera.**

Labor politicians want to please all parties' mother and father and in the end please no one and forget the child.

All judges, psychologists and social workers preach that “violence breeds violence.” Parents who feel hard done by with the law often say “What you can do I can do better” when the violent parent engages in Family court disputes. THIS IS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. Fix 1 item at a time ASAP, that is children avoiding witnessing continual Violence between parents. As a top priority. The court system at the moment encourages drawn out court cases which hurts the children because it takes too long. Hurts the parents because of court costs they cannot afford and does not give them the help they need to move on with their lives. While this is going on they cannot physically and emotionally support their children properly.

- 19) There seems in the BILL that no **view being examined regarding the allowance of a passive good biological passive PARENT 1G to their “WILL and Testaments “wishes for looking after their child, Regards the designated person named by one of the parent who wishes in a will and Testimony to be the guardian. (Exclude step parent and include siblings, uncle, aunt, cousins, nephew, and nieces that have not been Antagonistic violent litigants and has a good relationship already.)**

Giving custody of the children to a violent, drug taking, car driving hoon, biological PARENT 2B is no substitute to the best interest of the child or in breaking the cycle of violence as a child learned **behaviour is directly related to copying acts and thoughts from parents. Copying from a violent parent should not be condoned.**

- 20) **As the children brought into this world are from many customs, social, economic racial back ground. As your committee is made up of Liberal as well as the Labor Party members with some colleagues that believe in Homosexuality (there are no BOTH father and mothers in homosexual children family) The bill is about protecting young children that have no political, social, or independent thinking. This is I quote Liberal Leader Tony Abbott “shit happens” does not happen by the child’s own free will. So let’s see the bill be debated on bipartisan free conscience vote to see these problems for children fixed. This should be for the welfare of society not for political satisfaction.**

This covers children from the Liberal and Labor Supporters equally. In most cases the changes will bring about a reduction in taxpayers costs all round (reduction in drug, alcohol, and crime activity in adulthood) as the children will be given a chance to a normal non violent upbringing as possible. It will also free up some court time especially if there is punishment for mistruths and checks and balances exist.

- 21) Changes to the power of Court Judges and Magistrates.

- 1) If Judges/Magistrates act independently of lawyers in allowing them to directly cross examine both the mother and father regarding facts about violence, wealth, psychological

Allegation of one against the other.

II) If Judges are required to give identical orders as to the treatment or professional

Assessment reports such as mental state, anger management, shared parenting policy and the like. Then there would be no mother or father Judge or Magistrate bias allegations.

III) If lawyers are still to be in the system in Family Law Child custody cases and Children to have their own lawyers represent them. Then those lawyers should be required as mandatory to

a) Meet those children within 7 days of being appointed. and see if those Children are living in safe conditions.

b) To make sure those children are in a safe environment both physically mentally and sexually.

c) To have those children psychologically assessed as to their mental

state

at the time of separation and sent for immediate therapy

d) .To have those children psychologically assessed periodically 6 months Minimum 1 year maximum as to their mental state during the time of

living

with one parent over another. If there is be a change of parenting from Mother to father or visa versa.

Then the deteriorating mental state of the children under the protection of one parent over the other should be picked up quickly and problem reversed for the better.

e) The child lawyer to have spoken to have those children before every Court hearing as to their wishes who they want to care for them, the mother

Or the father. If the children are too young to talk, then the Child lawyer is required to send them for assessing the physically and emotional state of the children,

In this way this would minimise any bias allowed for by Judges.

22) Equal rights for father and mothers.

(I) There should be equal rights of the father and the mother in a court of law that is not affected by financial ability of having assistance of a lawyer over the other.

(II) The requirement of the child lawyer to actively engage the children directly minimises the lawyer's preconceived bias towards a mother or father. and recognises, and minimises dangerous environment to the children.

(III) **The interests of the child would then become more apparent. At the moment the perception is not what is in practise.**

These few changes will be a big step forward for the children. I am sure.

In general the children are affected no matter what political persuasion the parents have.

There would be more detrimental effects on children from low income (mainly Labor supporters) than from high income (mainly Liberal supporters).

The costs to the government may be high at the beginning when children are small. But will be very low as those children become into adulthood. The government will reap what it sows.

If little or no changes are made I am sure that domestic violence will double and community crime will sky rocket as today's children become spiteful, revengeful and with low esteem. These children are more likely to have low education into adulthood and statistics show that many will lead a life of crime.

23) Changes to selection and tenure of the Court Judges and Magistrates.

(Facts 4) Behavior of Family Law Judges and Magistrates must be improved.

The victim parent who has experienced 2 or more years of violence from a vindictive, threatening, controlling, bombastic, iron fisted, hostile, partner environment does not need and is not helpful to be again confronted by an identical hostile Family Court Judge or Magistrate. Some such behavior has been witnessed and it could be a means of controlling court lawyers and proceedings. But it is unacceptable to have no sympathy, empathy and show NO Tolerance. **For a passive low esteem self representing litigant parent being in a court room is terrifying. Having a bombastic judge also is heart wrenching.** Not being able to hire a lawyer because of money issues does not help either.

The Family Law administrators are too occupied with "forcing sharing of the children by each parent at the expense of what is the real benefit and good of the child.

We in South Australia had life time appointments Age 75 for Court Judges' appointments.

We in South Australia had life time Justices of the Peace till recent changes.

We have introduced a mystery shopping taxi service for Taxi driver behaviour and consumer over charging.

There has been in recent times Judges that have been old or with psychological problems that have been caught drink driving numerous times before the behaviour of the particular judge has come under scrutineer.

1) Considering that every profession looks after their own.

2) Considering that every profession has a bias culture of some sort.

a) **Then the best way to reduce culture is to increase people doing the selection of appointments to come from as many diverse cultures.**

That is selected by the people for the people. (Selection by

i) Nominated by a panel of judges or similar as is at present about 4 in number. 2 from each political persuasion or factions.

ii) The names then go to a panel of Citizens nominated and selected similar to present system of Jury panels.

iii) The Jury kind of panel then interviews the nominees and selects the best persons for the job of mystery court proceeding observers.

b) .Then comes in the mystery shopper type assessment.

i) I as a grand parent have attended the courts. I have sat in to court proceedings to assess and compare judges, lawyers and their concern and integrity for children

As un-bias as possible.

iii) Details as how this would work I suggest you could contact the SA Taxi Board to obtain guide lines with mystery taxi passengers.

In short a peer professional from a different court system and Australian state sits in to hear the proceedings as a normal citizen. (I.e. A lawyer from SA assessing a court in NSW. A **Relationship Australia delegated person in SA. Assessing a court in WA. Etcetera.**) **In one day that assessing person could do at least 5 court room proceedings.**

Or

It can be a group of appointed people (say appointed for 1 or 2 years to be mystery observers) they can come from a combination of

An ex politician, a psychologist, a lawyer an appointed person from a social agency like Relationship Australia or Anglicare.

Each member of the observing panel sit in a court for 1 hour and listens to the court proceedings at different times at random and records and assesses the Family Court Judge or Magistrate during the 9 years, Each year the mystery panel members puts in a report of their observations to the Federal Attorney General office. Perhaps every 2 years there may be a view to consider changing to a different judge for some cases where results are not seen to happen for the best interest of the child.

During the 10th year there would be a submission of each mystery person to assess the suitability for renominating and appointing that Judge or Magistrate. For another 10 years.

3) as regards appointment for life of a Judge. There should always be an escape clause as is in SA. Mental capability. Bankruptcy etc.

Also the continual appoint should be based on the amount of appeals made by lawyers against that Judge and the number of judgements of the appeals which are up held.

That should be for all Judges and in all jurisdictions.

24) Getting the facts direct from low esteem child victims now adults.

The same people who have been through the jail system because of bad decisions of the Family Law Court Judges and Magistrates making them behave contrary to the community standards and become criminals?

The children of Family violence parents are the ones definitely most affected by witnessing the conflicts from their age of 1 year onwards due to Family Court Judges forcing shared parenting. These children now adults should be seeked out (they would not approach you because of low esteem) and a questionnaire be filled by them regarding what they would like in the Family Law legislation. There has been many instances that I have been shocked by voluntary comments directly from children ages 6 and lately 2 boys aged 12 and 15 who did not wish to meet their drug addicted parent..

These are the very people you SHOULD interview. If you and the Minister are genuine about fixing the revolving domestic violence in our community.

25) To show no tolerance of violence towards children the law MUST be precise and concise in the wording. It must have the carrot and the stick. For even the wind does not change direction with the use of a feather.

A parent / partner who are a vindictive, threatening, controlling, bombastic, iron fisted, and hostile person definitely would not change with out being check mated by 3 strike punitive legislation.

I am available to attend your Parliamentary Committee hearing if required.

I am quite happy to come to your office and discuss these important current children's problems.

If you have any queries or need further explanation please do not hesitate to contact me as above.

Yours faithfully,

Joe Rossi, Maternal Grand father, age 63.

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Reference Reading:

1) **.The Public Consultative Family Law Violence Bill 2010.**

Family Law Branch, of the Attorney General Department. Issued November 2010
Exposure Draft.

In regards to: Attorney-General Letter of 08/12/2010, AG-MC10/13824.

The submissions that I have put by email on Monday 13/12/2011 at 3.32 PM. and another on 5th. January 2011 at 5.23 PM (SA, Time)

2) **.Actual Case given to The Hon. Mark Butler, MP. Minister for Mental Health and Aging, My Local member for Port Adelaide.**

3) **.Claims that Families SA placed girl at risk with her 'drug addict' aunty,**

TORY SHEPHERD, From: *The Advertiser*, November 10, 2010 12:01AM

A WOMAN has accused Families SA of removing a child from her "safe" house and sending the child to live with her sister, who she says is a heroin addict and a prostitute.

Boys aged 10 to 14 Queensland's fastest growing group of violent criminals, by Robyn Ironside, From *the Courier -Mail*, November 13, 2010 12:30AM.

BOYS just 10 to 14 years of age represent the fastest growing group of violent criminals in Queensland and experts are blaming parents who use television and computer games as babysitters.

4) **Reference Reading Journals and Books**

The Internet reports of Dr. Sam Vaknin, Books Malignant

Self Love and Relationships with **Abusive Narcissists**. Web site

<http://samvak.tripod.com/abuseefamily6.html><http://samvak.tripod.com/abuseefamily6.html>

- (a) Coping with your abuser.
- (b) The Guilt of the abused.
- (c) Reforming the abuser.

5) Aussie Kids Parenting Publication, Web Site www.aussiekids.net.au
November 2010 issue, Page 5.Paragraph 7 & 12 Solving Conflict,
I say that item 6 effects and relates to both children and adults alike.

Quotes from Aussie Kids November 2010 Parenting Publication issue page 5.

If you were luck enough to have good parents who resolved conflict well, on which you've been able to model your own behaviour then that's great.... Learn to vent anger in a healthy way developing listening skills, taking care with how you frame statements or feelings and learning to talk constructively about your problems can help ... Given that kids mirror and learning ground in life, it's imperative that we learn to communicate and solve conflict respectfully.

..... However negative and destructive behaviour is also passed down within families.

It is about perceptions of lawyers getting paid win or lose. and to the lawyers it is just a game of chess.

===== Here after are Quotes only =====

1. [Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia](#) references
 - **Unprincipled narcissist** - including [antisocial](#) features. A [charlatan](#) - is a fraudulent, exploitative, deceptive and unscrupulous individual.

Doctor Phil (Human Behaviour) USA.

There is a report that states domestic violence doubles every 10 years. So in 2009 it is assumed there were some 6000 children living in fear with no government support.

That is if all children are identified.

But like nature with the ice burgs. One third above water and 2 thirds hidden. So too the facts of child abuse and reported violent parents.

Initially I blamed fully the Magistrate for the ambiguity of the decisions made. As the procedure through the Family Court progressed I became aware that the Law was mostly at fault. Add to that, that the magistrates too, have no time to ram anis, assess, and evaluate evidence.

IT ALL comes back to the government. All lip service and no humans on the coal face of the problem.

PRESENT CHILDREN PROBLEMS ARE CAUSED BY either

(1) Not enough Magistrates to have the ability to sieve through cases properly.

(2) Government legislation being in appropriately drafted.

(3) Not enough police dedicated to family Violence. (4) Not enough child social workers in schools.

(5) Not enough social workers for Children access Centers. (6) Not enough social counseling agencies.

Charles Pragnell, National Secretary AMA.,

Ph , M

Reference: Comments. Judges frowning upon Grand parents who fight fire with fire.

What does a Magistrate expect from a concerned grand parent?

(1) To say thank you for hitting my Son/Daughter Dear son/daughter-in-law

(2) To say thank you to the Employer/Management/Defense Forces for giving false evidence to Magistrate Courts etc on violent assault charges to protect their own and interfering with the course of justice and safety of individuals.

(3) To say thank you to lawyer firms who allow their clients to submit false fabricated Affidavits to pervert the course of justice and line their own pockets by not allowing cases to be resolved quickly.

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My submissions **are not confidential** as they are from persons that I have met and documents I have seen as the **Public Officer & President** Self Represented Litigants Support Group, SA. Inc.

Unless submissions are marked confidential they may be published. Submissions may be the subject of a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

I have been a very avid observer in the Family Law Courts .I have attended and witnessed many proceedings and attended some child hand over centres in Adelaide.

There are many people who are not confident to write a submission due to low education or self esteem or fear of being targeted. Yet these very people are the ones most affected by the present Family Law legislation.