



Appendix D - Public hearings, informal consultations & visits

Public Hearings

Thursday, 28 August 2003 - Geelong, Victoria

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre Inc.

Ms Alice Bailey, Training, Development and Consultancy

Family Law Working Party, Federation of Community Legal Centres (Vic) Inc.

Ms Belinda Lo, Member

Ms Helen Yandell, Member

No to Violence, The Male Family Violence Prevention Association Inc.

Mr Anthony Kelly, Coordinator, Men's Referral Service

Women's Information Referral Exchange

Ms Louise Mitchell, Development Coordinator

15 community statements

Thursday, 28 August 2003 - Knox, Melbourne

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Australian Family Support Services Association Inc.

Mr Geoffrey Brayshaw, Founder

Australians Against Child Abuse

Mr Joseph Tucci, Chief Executive Officer

Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Inc.

Ms Georgie Ferrari, Executive Officer

Ms Paula Grogan, Policy Officer

13 community statements

Friday, 29 August 2003 - Launceston

Individuals

Ms Maggie Walter (Private capacity)

Witness 1

Witness 2

Relationships Australia, Tasmania

Mr Joseph Smith, Manager, Services North, and Coordinator, Children's Contact Service

Tasmanian Men's Health and Wellbeing Association, Inc.

Mr Ian Hickman, Southern Representative

8 community statements

Monday, 1 September 2003 - Wollongong, NSW

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Fairness in Child Support

Mr John Flanagan, Assistant Secretary

Fatherhood Foundation

Mr Warwick Marsh, Founder

Illawarra Legal Centre Inc.

Ms Karyn Bartholomew, Acting Principal Solicitor

13 community statements

Monday, 1 September 2003 - Blacktown, NSW

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

DAD's Australia Inc.

Mr Rodney Hardwick, National President

Immigrant Women's Speakout Association of NSW

Ms Monica Mazzone, Domestic Violence Policy Officer

Uniting Care Burnside

Ms Elizabeth Reimer, Policy Officer

Ms Jane Woodruff, Chief Executive Officer

16 community statements

Thursday, 4 September 2003 - Robina, Gold Coast

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

KinKare

Ms Miriam Denton, Treasurer

Ms Maree Lubach, Secretary

Ms Danni Pope, Chair

Men's Rights Agency

Ms Sue Price, Director

Women's Legal Service

Ms Rachel Field, Member, Management Committee

Ms Pamela Godsell, Social Worker

Ms Angela Lynch, Solicitor

16 community statements

Thursday, 4 September 2003 - Keperra, Brisbane

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Men's Information and Support Association Inc.

Ms Sandra Bennett, Coordinator of Counselling

Mr John Swann, Administration Officer

Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre

Ms Dianne Bushnell, Coordinator, Family Support Program

Ms Sandy Dore, Coordinator

13 community statements

Friday, 5 September 2003 - Cairns

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Witness 4

Family Court of Australia

Ms Josephine Akee, Indigenous (Torres Strait Islander) Family Consultant

Ms Judy Stubbs, Registry Manager, Townsville

Fathering After Separation

Mr Simon Adamson, Spokesman
Mr Derek Dovey, Participant
Mr Edwin James, Participant
Mr Richard Pearson, Participant

Men Again Inc.

Mr Tony Fahey, Treasurer
Mr Richard Jerrett, Chairman

6 community statements

Monday, 15 September 2003 - Canberra

Attorney-General's Department

Mr Kym Duggan, Assistant Secretary, Family Law Branch, Family Law and Legal Assistance Division
Ms Philippa Lynch, First Assistant Secretary, Family Law and Legal Assistance Division
Ms Sue Pidgeon, Assistant Secretary, Family Pathways Branch, Family Law and Legal Assistance Division

Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services

Ms Catherine Argall, General Manager, Child Support Agency
Ms Sheila Bird, Assistant General Manager, Child Support Agency
Mr Tony Carmichael, Assistant Secretary, Family and Children's Services Branch
Ms Lynne Curran, Assistant Secretary, Family Payments and Child Support Policy Branch
Mr Wayne Jackson, Deputy Secretary
Mr David Kalisch, Executive Director, Family and Children
Mr Mark Sullivan, Secretary

Wednesday, 24 September 2003 - Modbury, Adelaide

Individuals

Witness 1
Witness 2

Australian Association for Infant Mental Health, South Australian Branch

Dr Mary Hood, Committee Member

Joint Parenting Association

Mr Yuri Joakimidis, Director

Lone Fathers Association, South Australian Branch

Mr Thomas Smith, President
Mr Robert Tuddenham, Publicity Officer

National Council of Single Mothers and their Children Inc.

Ms Marie Hume, Volunteer
Ms Heather Joy, Member, Secretariat

Dr Elspeth McInnes, Convenor
Ms Yvonne Parry, Executive Officer

Richard Hillman Foundation

The Hon. Peter Lewis, Patron

Shared Parenting Council of Australia Inc.

Mrs Matilda Bawden, National President

Mr Geoffrey Greene, Federal Director

18 community statements

Thursday, 25 September 2003 - Darwin

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Dawn House Inc.

Ms Sue Brownlee, Coordinator

Lone Fathers Association NT Inc.

Mr Robert Kennedy, Coordinator

Top End Women's Legal Service

Miss Patricia Brennan, Solicitor

Ms Angela Dowling, Coordinator

Ms Camilla Hughes, Principal Solicitor

15 community statements

Friday, 26 September 2003 - Joondalup, Perth

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Witness 4

Witness 5

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Inc.

Ms Tonia Brajcich, Managing Solicitor, Family Law Unit

Mr Mark Cuomo, Director of Legal Services

Family Law Foundation

Mr Gordon Melsom, Co-Convenor

Ms Jennifer Walters, Co-Convenor

Women's Law Centre of Western Australia Inc.

Ms Lea Anderson, Manager

Ms Kate Davis

16 community statements

Friday, 10 October 2003 - Canberra

Family Court of Australia

Justice Richard Chisholm

Ms Jennifer Cooke, General Manager Client Services

Mr James Cotta, Principal Mediator

Mr Richard Foster, Chief Executive Officer

The Hon Justice Alastair Nicholson, Chief Justice

Monday, 13 October 2003 - Canberra

Australian Institute of Family Studies

Dr Ann Sanson, Acting Director

Mr Bruce Smyth, Research Fellow

Faculty of Law, University of Sydney

Dr Judy Cashmore, Associate Professor

Professor Patrick Parkinson, Professor of Law

Wednesday, 15 October 2003 - Canberra

Mrs Joanna Gash MP

Federal Member for Gilmore

Mr Barry Haase MP

Federal Member for Kalgoorlie

Mr Paul Neville MP

Federal Member for Hinkler

Mr Barry Wakelin MP

Federal Member for Grey

Friday, 17 October 2003 - Canberra

Department of Family and Community Services (including Child Support Agency and Centrelink)

Ms Catherine Argall, General Manager, Child Support Agency

Mr Keith Bender, Business Manager, Families, Centrelink

Ms Sheila Bird, Assistant General Manager, Child Support Agency

Ms Lynne Curran, Assistant Secretary, Family Payments and Child Support Policy Branch

Mrs Teresa Hurry, Business Manager, Family Payments and Child Support, Family and Child Support Segment, Centrelink

Mr David Kalisch, Executive Director, Family and Children

Mr Mark Sullivan, Secretary

Family Law Council

Professor John Dewar, Chair

Lone Fathers Association Inc.

Mr James Carter, Member

Mr Barry Williams, National President

Monday, 20 October 2003 - Canberra

Family Relationships Services Program - Industry Representative Bodies

Mr David Beaver, Chair, Catholic Welfare Australia

Dr Andrew Bickerdike, Senior Family and Child Mediator/Manager,
Relationships Australia

Ms Libby Davies, Executive Director, Family Services Australia

Mr David Foster, Deputy Director, Uniting Care UNIFAM, Family Services
Australia

Ms Dianne Gibson, National Chief Executive Officer, Relationships Australia

Ms Jennifer Hannan, Executive Clinical Manager, Anglicare WA

Ms Margaret Roots, Director, Quality and Network Support, Catholic Welfare
Australia

Focus on Children's Perspective

Dr Jennifer McIntosh, Family Transitions Pty Ltd

Professor Lawrie Moloney, Director, Department of Counselling and
Psychological Health, La Trobe University

Focus on Legal Services

Ms Rosemary Budavari, Treasurer and Australian Capital Representative,
National Association of Community Legal Centres

Mr Philip Dicalfas, Convenor, Child Support Network, National Association
of Community Legal Centres

Mr Michael Foster, Chairman, Family Law Section of the Law Council of
Australia

Ms Kate Hughes, Solicitor and Member, Family Law Working Group,
National Legal Aid

Ms Liz O'Brien, Convenor, National Association of Community Legal Centres

Mr Norman Reaburn, Chair, National Legal Aid

Ms Judith Rees, New South Wales Barrister Representative on Executive,
Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia

National Welfare Rights Network Inc.

Ms Genevieve Bolton, National Liaison Officer

Ms Julia Priest, Welfare Rights Advocate

Sunday, 26 October 2003 - Wyong, NSW

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Central Coast Domestic Violence Committee

Ms Christine Smith, Regional Violence Prevention Specialist, Violence Against Women Strategy (New South Wales Attorney-General's Office)

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Ms Prudence Goward, Sex Discrimination Commissioner

Sole Parents' Union

Ms Kathleen Swinbourne, President

14 community statements

Monday, 27 October 2003 - Coffs Harbour, NSW

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Coffs Harbour Women's Domestic Violence Court Support Service

Miss Wendy Brodbeck, Coordinator

Dads in Distress Inc.

Mr Raymond Lenton, Sydney Metropolitan Coordinator

Mr Tony Miller, Founder and National Coordinator

Kempsey Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Scheme

Ms Maria Reason, Coordinator

Warrina Women and Children's Refuge

Mrs Charlotte Young, Coordinator

15 community statements

Monday, 27 October 2003 - Gunnedah, NSW

Individuals

Witness 1

Witness 2

Witness 3

Witness 4

Witness 5

Family Pathways

Mrs Marion Bennet, Partner

Mr Paul Bennet, Partner

Muswellbrook Women's and Children's Refuge Ltd.

Mrs Jennifer McGrath, Team Member/Manager

10 community statements

Monday, 3 November 2003 - Canberra

National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling, University of Canberra

Professor Ann Harding, Director

Social Policy and Research Centre, University of New South Wales

Ms Marilyn McHugh, Senior Research Officer and Research Scholar

Informal Consultations

Wednesday 13 August 2003, Canberra

Federal Magistrates Court

Mr Peter May, Chief Executive Officer

Monday 18 August 2003, Canberra

Child Support Agency

Ms Catherine Argall, General Manager

Ms Sheila Bird, General Manager

Family Court of Australia

Justice Sally Brown, Administrative Judge, Melbourne

Ms Jennie Cook, General Manager, Client Services

Mr Richard Foster, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Margaret Harrison, Senior Legal Associate

Wednesday 20 August 2003, Canberra

Attorney General's Department

Ms Janet Douglas, Director, Family Pathways Branch

Mr Kym Duggan, Assistant Secretary, Family Law Branch

Mr Joshua Faulks, Assistant Advisor to the Attorney General

Mr Jamie Louve, Departmental Liaison Officer

Ms Philippa Lynch, First Assistant Secretary, Family Law and Legal Assistance Division

Ms Sue Pidgeon, Assistant Secretary, Family Pathways Branch

Family Relationships Services – Industry Representative Bodies

Mr Alan Campbell, Consultant, Family Services Australia

Ms Libby Davies, Executive Director, Family Services Australia

Ms Dianne Gibson, Executive Director, Relationships Australia

Mr Walter Ibbs, Mediation Practice Leader, Relationships Australia, Victoria

Ms Dianne Keogh, Director Family Services, Centacare Sydney

Mr Clive Price, Vice President, Family Services Australia, Chief Executive Officer, UnitingCare Unifam

Ms Margaret Roots, Manager, Family Relationships Services Program, Catholic Welfare Australia

Visits/Inspections

Tuesday 28 October 2003, Parramatta

Family Court of Australia, Parramatta NSW

Ms Lorraine Macnamara, Client Service Manager

Ms Gail Passier, Manager Mediation

Justice Purdy

Mr Hugh Sanderson, Senior Deputy Registrar

Justice Stevenson

Justice Waddy

Mr Garry Wilson, Registry Manager

Unifam Counselling and Mediation Centre

Mr Clive Price, Chief Executive Officer

Wednesday 12 November 2003, Melbourne

Listening to the voices of children and young people

Dr Jennifer McIntosh, Family Transitions Pty Ltd

Professor Lawrie Moloney, Director of Counselling and Psychological
Health, La Trobe University

Family Mediation Centre, Moorabbin

Ms Cathy Holmes, Parent Adolescent Manager

Youth Affairs Council of Victoria

Ms Felicity Sloman, Board Member