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Attention Management

I am extremely concerned of the proposal for shared parenting. There are many reasons for my concerns, the main being the risk of Child Abuse/Sexual Assault!

For one, the Family Court has NO structure to deal with reports of Child Abuse/Sexual Assault! Due to this factor the child would be forced to live in an abusive environment and suffer from ongoing abuse.

This new Law will only give the oportunity for the abusive parent to gain full custody which would result in more protective parents attempting to protect their child hence more protective parents would then be labelled by the Family Court in having a Mental Illness ending in having no contact with their child.

I do not agree with the belief that there is an issue due to the fact that there is no male role model in the house! In the case were a father unexpectively passes away what would their suggestions be here??? To take the child away & place the child in a family with a male???

Also what happens to the childs schooling. Do they think it is so easy to gain accomodation for both parents in the area in which the child attends school? Also it would mean that both parents would need to live beyond their means due to the fact of cost which could lead to neglect!

What happens if one of the parents can not change their work arrangements? They may say to the Family Court that they can, as to get shared care, which on the onset family members would offer this support but in many cases the end result of this is a disaster as many family have differnt parenting skills which would be of conflict ending in the child and the working parent being abandoned ending in the child being shuffled from place to place & may be cared for by many different people whilst awaiting for the parent to return from work. I do NOT see this a stable environment for any Child!

A child needs a stable environment! This proposal will NOT offer that.

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