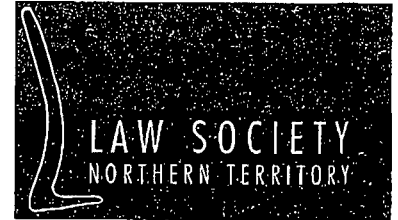


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Dear Ms Towner

**RE: REVIEW OF EXPOSURE DRAFT OF THE FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2005**

The Family Law Committee of the Law Society Northern Territory has considered in some detail the draft Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005. We have also had the benefit of reviewing the submission prepared by the National Legal Aid organisation (copy attached).

We support the generality of comments made by National Legal Aid, to which members of the Family Law Committee have had some input, and we would urge that they be taken into consideration by members of your standing committee.

Please let us know the outcome of your committee's decision in due course.

Thank you for giving the Law Society Northern Territory the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

**Barbara Bradshaw**  
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