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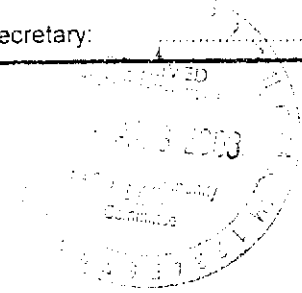
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To the Committee Secretary

The Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs

Department of the House of Representatives

Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600



I am making a personal submission to express my grave disquiet over the debacle that our family laws and child support has become.

- 1) Inequality and bias in family law court judgements.
- 2) Inequality in childcare funding and secret court rulings.
- 3) Disregard of children's primary interests.
- 4) Denial of family support to children by single primary parent rulings.
- 5) Lack of impartial research into effects of bad court rulings.
- 6) Denial of basic justice to all parties in family divorce findings.
- 7) Total loss of religious family unit to godless National Socialism ideals.
- 8) The so-called 'Family Law Courts' would be better named the 'Destruction of Family Court'.

1; The family law courts start from the basis that the mother bore the child and it belongs to her. The father is regarded only as the financial support bread winner. Totally disregarding the reality that the child belongs to itself and is not some goods for trading off. The mother is heavily financed and assisted with no personal financial responsibility but all the entitlements.

This has lead to the situation where young girls in our country environment, regard motherhood as an employment and income source, particularly if multiple fathers are involved, if we are to accept the resent research findings as reported in our local press.

2; The Family Law court acts in a clandestine environment that is totally at odds with the principles of justice and fairness. All court hearings etc are secret under pain of criminal punishment reminiscent of the infamous Clu Clux Clan of America's deep dark south.

No figures are available but how many mothers have been ordered to support the fathers? No reasonable person can deny that a parent should support their child to

a standard in keeping with their income. But to force a parent to support the family to a level that reduces that parent to extreme poverty is both unfair and inhumanely unjust.

3; Man does not live on bread alone, the fulfilment of emotional hunger is as important in making life not only endurable but gratifying. The love of two parents, male and female are essential for the development of a stable and well-balanced personality. The Family Law Courts start from the basis that the father is irrelevant. This is a sick and dangerous foundation for the future of our society. It flows from that National Socialist philosophy of our major political parties today.

4; A child needs to grow up supported by the love not only of its parents but by its other family members. Grandparents are an important link with that family as are cousins and aunts and uncles, but with single parent family these are only mythical folk stories. A grandparent has the right to love the grand children also.

I fully support the submission of 'Grand Parents in Distress' and all the arguments Bev Patterson has expounded.

5; It does appear that about five men on average, fathers and sons, commit suicide every day of the year in Australia through loss of hope and despair. How many of these are victims of our one sided family law court judgements, we don't know, but why does the child support agency and the law court refuse to publish figures? Is it because they have not made research into this terrible blight in our society or are they afraid to face the reality of their actions, in either case it is unacceptable in a civilised society.

6) If equal responsibility for the children was the starting point in a family

break up, negotiation and mediation should be the basis of any settlement, not litigation and court hearings. Legal expenses are horrendous and should be outlawed for family matters. Equality of responsibility for break up is reality but not the Family Law Court's accepted principle that the husband is naturally at fault.

The granting of AVO's is one of the best examples of court bias against

fathers, granted on unsubstantiated complaints that deny every principle of justice and fairplay. Unproven or unsupported violence claims should result in substantial penalties.

7) The government would do well to cancel the pile of family legislation

with its volumes of amendments sub clauses and bureaucratic red tape of Family Law and vacate the attempt to destroy the sacredness of family and realise that a religious foundation of our society is the true path to a stable and happy society. Please bring back a philosophic religious Christian approach to morality and stability.

8) I do not know a single family that has not had a sad or terrible story to tell

of a relation or a friend who has suffered at the hands of the 'Family Law Court'. It would be better renamed the Court for the Destruction of the Family. Regrettably I believe it is the blackest spot in the history of our land.

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