

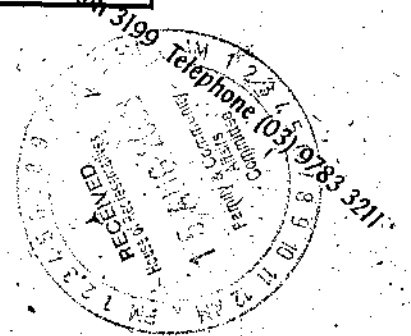
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Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs
Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry
Department of the House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Committee Members,

**RE: INQUIRY INTO CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS
IN THE EVENT OF FAMILY SEPARATION**

I write to you on behalf of the Inner South Family Violence Network (ISFV Network) in response to the above named inquiry.

The ISFV Network is comprised of local workers from various community agencies in the Inner South Region of Victoria. It includes representatives from the Inner South Domestic Violence Outreach Service, South Central Region Migrant Resource Centre, Uniting Care Connections, Inner South Community Health Service and Women's Health in the South East. The aim of the ISFV Network is to work towards preventing and eliminating family violence in the Inner South of Victoria.

The Network is concerned of the impact that the proposed changes to the family law will have on families in the event of separation, particularly for mothers and children who have been victims of family violence.

The ISFV Network wishes to express its support for the submissions made by the National Network of Women's Legal Services, Women's Legal Service Victoria and St. Kilda Legal Service.

Yours faithfully,

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