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The Secretary
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Attention Chairperson The Honourable Brendan Nelson
Boys Education Inquiry

Dear Chairman and Committee

We wish to submit the enclosed annexe to our previous material. Since writing it has been put more succinctly, "We are now sending Boys to Girls Schools'. This is not at all to advocate separate gender schools or any criticisms of co-education. It is an excellent simplification of the present imbalance of the learning environment for Boys. As indeed our society is also outside school hours, where we fear Boys are developing a disrespect for the excessively dominant and domineering female gender.

We enclose further material explaining pressures put on this environment by

(a) The Government anomaly of Office Status of Women left unsupervised to be a sole gender advocate in the midst of Government policy making. Their dishonesty for the purposes of their own gender advocacy is to be especially noted. See 'All Men are Bastards'. This influence was well known in as early as 1995 and not corrected.

(b) The Government anomaly of allowing Office Status of Women to solely run our National Domestic Violence Strategy as their own truncheon of gender advocacy. Against social science research they demonised men and canonised women by falsely espousing almost all victims are women by only male perpetrators. See the enclosed 1996 summary on family violence. This influence was well known as early as 1994 when Office Status of Women and Australian Bureau of Statistics conducted a 'survey' into violence [typically only] against women and found they too were violent, to the extent that 26% of violence to females was by another female. Yet Office Status of Women were permitted to spend millions of taxpayer dollars upholding female gender mythology and ideology.

(c) This gender activist framework has been the major vehicle to inspire 'fear of males' and formulate much government policy and attitudes in administration, funding and especially human services such as education. Boys are now only acceptable largely if they fit the 'female mould', of course they never will, as girls will not fit the 'male mould'. Balance must be restored by gender emphasis being removed and 'near equal' standards restored.

Sincerely

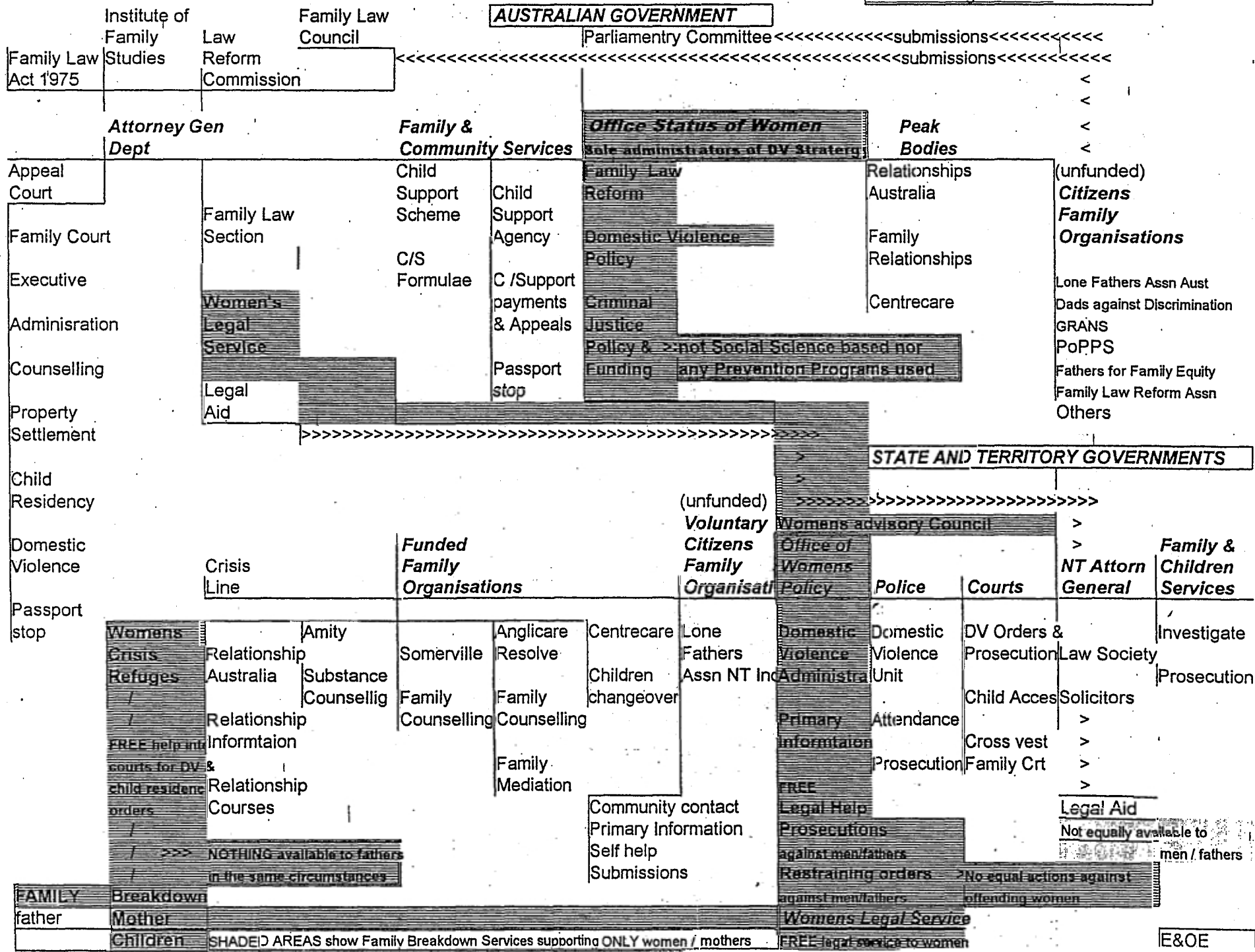
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~~the biases against men~~

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT



INTERESTING FAMILY BREAKDOWN INFORMATION

[A little of much more available. Does the skewed system [overleaf] contribute?]

- *** 83% of Marriages / relationships are ended by women, 4% on verbal abuse, and only 2% on violence ref Australian Institute of Family Studies 1999. [Sister organisation to Family Court]
- *** Just over 50% of spousal violence is by women ref social science research in Australia ref printed *Australian Social Monitor* July 1999, don't guess check it out.
- *** Just over 50% of spousal violence is by women ref similar social science research in UK Canada, USA and NZ, [some sample bases were of 8,200 families].
- *** 24% of domestic violence to women is by another woman ref ABS [it is therefore impossible to be 97% by males as falsely claimed by Office of Women's Policy].
- *** More men are more seriously injured and hospitalised by female violence than visa versa ref overseas research and Monash Accident Research and other sources
- *** Just over 50% of Parent murders of children under 10 years are by mothers / females ref NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and other sources
- *** Just over 50% of child abuse is by mothers NSW Family Services
- *** In Australia since 1995, of 13 parents who murdered their children and then suicided 6 were fathers and 7 were mothers.

In 1998 -99 Lone Fathers Association Australia handled

- 12,033 cases of denial of access
- 3,506 cases of custody matters
- 13,119 cases of child support
- 2,606 cases of property matters
- 461 cases of accommodation crisis
- 9,065 cases of domestic violence
- 315 cases of contemplated suicide
- opened Australia's first Men and Children's Family Crisis Centre
- Convened another national Law Reform Conference

Lone Fathers Association NT Inc in 1998 - 99 handled appx

- 700 person to person contacts on "The Issues" and their family needs
- attended many unrecorded cases proportional to the National figures above
- 3 very potential suicides
- attended as court support on domestic violence, child residency and access.
- answered appx 1200 incoming calls, made a similar number in return at private cost, mailed some 300 letters, made some 40 submissions to governments
- ran 24 weekly LFANTInc community meetings, attended over 40 community meetings networking with other Family and Community organisations
- Collected appx 2,000 signatures to letters and petitions to Governments
- was one of only two from Northern Territory who made a submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission's invitation for changes in The Family Law System.
- are convening Northern Territory's first citizen based Family Law Conference 11 December 1999 to make representations from THE COMMUNITY to government.
- **ALL this and more, was done by VOLUNTEERS WHO CANNOT GET ANY GOVERNMENT FUNDING to do balancing work in a system the government resists making gender equal for two equal citizens.**
- Come to the conference to make the numbers the governments ask us for to make the changes.

WE NEED YOUR PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO KEEP GOING UNTIL THE SYSTEM [OVERSIDE] IS CHANGED AND BOTH PARENTS ARE TREATED EQUALLY IN FAMILY BREAKDOWN