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To whom it may concern.....

I believe that the government must be prepared to treat traditional family on an equal footing to that of non-traditional (such as lesbian relationship) families, via the mass of tax and welfare benefits allowed to a lesbian couple over that of a heterosexual relationship. There is a mountain of evidence that tells us that the ideal situation for raising a child is one parent out working and the other parent at home and available at least for the majority of the time. Give traditional families exactly the tax and welfare benefits their lesbian neighbours with children have, where one can collect a full pension while caring for children from both of them, while the other can earn thousands of disregarded dollars each and every week besides, while either or both could be getting child support on top.

It is the shame of this nation that this family type benefits so greatly over traditional family. It is one compelling reason why traditional family is unravelling at the seams. Our present Governments stand back and allow this to continue. Please act now on this and let the mass of people struggling as a one, or one and a portion income family, some desperately needed relief. Bandaid covering over this festering wound on society cannot possibly help in the long run and the incentives such as this for a mother to separate for the most trivial of excuses must be removed....and the fact that they KNOW the family court will do all to ensure they have full custody of children unless the very worst of examples as a parent gives that reason to destroy the family unit.

These statistics of the main alternative are so damning that to continue to deliberately penalise traditional family is tantamount to criminal action.....

It can only be viewed in the light that anyone that denies children from their father, encourages, promotes, sympathises with, extols or rewards single motherhood, while all along ignoring the benefits of, or attempting to demonise fatherhood, as our courts, government, bureaucracies and media have been doing for countless years with gusto, are de-facto child abusers. This statement is based on the statistics below where 27% of families do not have a biological father to guide and protect the children as shown at <http://www.childstats.gov>

These are US figures, -but there is no valid reason whatsoever that they cannot be extrapolated into the settings of Australian single motherhood. Some quick sums give these disastrous results, and it must be truly asked, "why are our leaders deliberately letting this

happen."

63% of youth suicides to 27% of the total (Source: US Dept. of Health & Human Services, Bureau of the Census). = 4.6 x more likely from a single mother household.

71% of pregnant teenagers to 27% of the total (Source: US Dept. of Health & Human Services) = 6.6 x more likely from a single mother household.

90% of all homeless and runaway children to 27% of the total. = 24 x more likely from a single mother household

70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes (DOJ, Special Report) = 6.3 x more likely from a single mother household.

85% of all children that exhibit behavioural disorders. (Source: Center for Disease Control) = 15.3 x more likely from a single mother household.

80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger. (Source: Criminal Justice & Behaviour, Vol. 14, p. 403-26). 10.8 x more likely from a single mother household.

71% of all high school dropouts. (Source: National Principals Association Report on the State of High Schools). 6.6 x more likely from a single mother household.

75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers. (Source: Rainbows for all God's Children). 8.1 x more likely from a single mother household.

85% of all youths sitting in prisons. (Source: Fulton Co. Georgia jail populations, Texas Dept. of Corrections = 15.3 x more likely from a single mother household.

As an example, for the last calculation, these figures are obtained using the calculation 85 out of a total population of 2,700 (the single mother group) = 1 in every 32, therefore it leaves 15 out of a total population of 7,300 (the non-single mother group) = 1 in every 487. Divide 487 by 32 and we get an increase in likelihood of 15.3 x. We do not need to know total sample group, it does not matter. It can be any amount but as the two given percentages needed are accurate then this is the increase in likelihood.

There can be no doubt any longer, as the percentage of fatherless families increases so will our crime rates and mixed up children. There is no other way, the figures are so damning that anyone that dismisses them is in complete denial. Similar statistics tell that a child is 33 times more likely to be abused when the biological father is no longer on the scene. The family court, the CSA and sole custody manipulated towards the mother are creating exactly this situation for society.

And when considered with these statistics that are equally revealing.....

In relationships where there are no child support aged children, 60% of separations are initiated by women, yet this figure jumps to between 85% and 90% when there are child support aged children involved. Why are there not massive enquiries into such disparity? Why are these figures seemingly deliberately hidden from those statisticians that are within our bureaucracies? Perhaps they have an agenda of their own and a status quo that they want to keep. In other words, in bookmaking terms, a man is at 15/10 odds of being the one to initiate separation without kids involved, but this rises to at least 8/1 odds when there are children involved.

As these figures are fast becoming common knowledge, how many men in this day and age will dare to take the risk of parenthood and bonding with his children? It is just too higher price to pay, and ultimately our children will pay a far, far higher price. The future of family is in the hands of those that appear to want to see its complete destruction and our children will hold all those responsible for effectively destroying traditional family accountable in the years to come, just as the aboriginal stolen generation is doing now.

It is not just harming our children either. Men in our society that have been in trouble throughout their life, are now being deliberately denied the GREATEST EVENT possible that turns their anti-social behaviour into love, tolerance and respect for others, FATHERHOOD. This combined attack of fatherhood and traditional family is going to have one massive "double-whammy" in both these areas in the years to come, and all of society is unfortunately going to pay a very heavy price for it.

Yours Sincerely

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