

Parliamentary inquiry into child contact and custody

For the inquiry, please let me introduce myself. My name is [REDACTED] I am a 50 year old farmer running a property 200 KM approx west of [REDACTED]. My apologies for the lateness of this submission. Over the last 3 years of drought I haven't had much time, and for economic reasons I run a 16,000 acre property with hand feeding 1,000 head of cattle on my own. I called Margrite yesterday and I thank her for putting in this submission.

If expeence and time is a factor in gaining knowle I can truthfully say I have wasted or spent one hund thousand dollars on solistors and barristers in Family Court and Federal Magistrate Court. I have two children

[REDACTED] who is 13 and [REDACTED] now 11. I see nothing of my children ever though they want to come up sometime. Its very simple to organise teenage activities for the holidays so that Dad will again miss out. Nothing can compare to waiting at the airport to see your children and then they do not arrive ^{yet} again.

My exwife has just charges of violation of court orde I made an attempt to have her charged for thid time but court simply refused to proceed with case.

Submissions into Child Contact + Custody:

1 From my experience and knowledge the most important issue are our courts. They need a complete overhaul and retire all the Executive of both Family Court and Federal Magistrate Court. I have come into contact with male judges who would be in excess of seventy-five years. They are totally out of contact with today's needs, and what is best for the children. Also I have faced a few very bitter male hating old women who believe that males have no rights and are only there to pay and shouldn't want to see their children.

2 I submit that the fact that two people who once probably loved each other in normal circumstances could work out their differences and share the time and lives of their children are thrown into a litigation and a huge court battle. This results in huge legal costs and resulting in financial loss for the children involved. It is a common known fact that solicitors and barristers do not want to solve these problems because they want the work for their own greedy needs.

I submit that solicitors and barristers should be

3. I submit that parenting should be shared and costs of children should be also equal. A father figure is very important in all children's lives.

I personally know of many cases where the mother has wanted to move to another town with the children, the father gets court orders that the children are to stay in the same town as the father. After a few months the mothers go back to court state that they can't get work and don't have the support of family. In all these cases the courts let the mother take the children away never to see their dads again. This is not in best interest of children. In 1996 our statistics showed 51.7 percent of children lived in a single parent situation.

4. I submit that shared parenting be a right of the non custodial parent and not something that has to be fought through our legal system.

5. I submit that a Ministry of Fatherhood be set up. Many submissions you will receive will ask for funding for fathers or non custodial parent. We are the highest taxed country in the world and we must all realise that we must not make this a growth industry. In past we have

seen politicians throw your money at (Women groups) before an election. I'm sure they do a lot of good but will millions spent on mens groups to counteract the womens groups be of any use. Surely this is only making a growth industry with very little benefit.

6 Submit that Child Support be changed to be assessed after tax is taken out. I know of sad cases where coal miners who may earn up to 2000 per week are in the high tax bracket and pay 37 percent child support. These men + women don't have enough to live on and certainly couldn't fly there children for holidays to visit.

7 I submit that the process of contravening of Child Orders must be heard outside of the Family Court. Only a properly ordered court with a prosecution department should hear these cases. If this inquiry is not to be only another name change and give a little lip service to this problem then people who repeatedly violate the system and orders must be jailed.

8 The suicide rate of young males in rural areas is among the highest in the world. The biggest factor is they have no support of there families in most cases. The taking away of there children and the marriage breakdown is a major factor in many of these cases. Please read page 11 of submissions from Lone Fathers Association.

Thank you for reading these hand written submissions. I firmly believe that humans were meant to live in groups where they supported and loved each other. In our society where each female produces 1.75 children we are doomed to extinction. How many times have you heard the true saying from mostly women "where have all the good men gone" next time you hear this tell them that most have been screwed by the Family Court System.

I pray and hope this has been of some use to you all.

Regards,

I also fax letter to Darryl Williams

To Len Harris memo for 18 + 19 August.
 2 letters to Darryl Williams
 1 Letter to Pat Shanahan (Law Society)

22. June 2003

Mr Darryl William
 Attorney Generals Department
 Canberra

Dear Mr Williams

I refer to my letter of 28th March 2002 and would like to express my thoughts about a case in the Federal Magistrates Court in Brisbane of which I was the applicant! I first applied to Townville [REDACTED] was transferred to Brisbane. [REDACTED] The hearing was with magistrate [REDACTED] and to date I have heard nothing from the court. The hearing was on [REDACTED] and I only asked the court for a small amount of contact. Also heard on the same day was a contravening of court orders. Made application first in Emerald and of course this was transferred to Brisbane once again. Although this was my ex-wives second conviction no fine or any reprimanding was made! As in the first case I am made to be the guilty party!

You have stated that after the third conviction action will be taken. You should tell the judges this, as they never, ever prosecute anybody for contravening of orders. This process cost thousands of dollars in legal fees and still men do not get to have contact with their children. I again refer to my letter dated 28th March 2002 and enclose a letter written to Pat Shanahan. This tells all about greedy, vicious lawyers using the courts for their own greed. The legal society has a lot of changing to do to get public opinion back on there ~~own~~ side. As you probably have heard in Queensland they have just jailed the chief magistrate of the magistrates court. The suicide rate among Australian men is apparently five every week. This is largely due to a bias family court and child support agency that keeps usually men financial desperate. The rate of child support is such that it is impossible to go back into another relationship. [REDACTED]. They all stated how the immigration department showed a video how to get a domestic violent order on their husbands. You have a very responsible position Mr Williams; you can do something about the suicides of good Australian men. If I ever a decision from Magistrate [REDACTED] I will let you know. No doubt my contact with my children will be cut down. You also can address the bias in the family court and federal magistrate courts against man. Please do as I have asked before to change these bias courts system against

the non-custodial parent. As you know your court system made me wait for many years and has still not give me a decision! Very obviously they do not want the father to have any contact with his children and before a decision is made in your court, the kids will be adults. I did not see my children in Christmas, Easter or June as per court orders! Also not the year before as per court orders...please look into this terrible situation presided over by Magistrate [REDACTED] that men find themselves in!

I will await your Reply

Regards

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