

Dear Sir ,Madam,

Re. The Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill.
Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Committee.

In subsection 4(1) "reasonably to fear for, or reasonably to be apprehensive about his or her personal wellbeing or safety" needs to be changed to proven because it is far too vague to give the accused a chance to defend themselves from such a wide variety of possible interpretations as this would be practicably impossible. All conflict situations lead to apprehension and these apprehension are always perfectly reasonable. Though if it has never happened in the past and has not been directly threatened these apprehensions are a normal part of any conflict situation and should not impede the course of true justice.

All cases involving violence should be be given absolute priority in the courts with criminal charges being initiated as well. To just deny contact with children only does not do justice to the severity of the situation. We cannot allow the courts to handle Family and violence issues in such an unclinical way as though the punishment is not really a punishment and should be implemented anyway. People have a right to a fair and speedy trial particularly where parenting time has been stopped as a matter of course.

Yours Sincerely
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