

Dear Senate Inquiry - Shared Parental Responsibility Bill 2005

This is a my submission to the Senate Inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005

I am very concerned at the stance of the Democrats on shared parental responsibility. The most natural thing in the world is for each child to be loved and cared for by two parents, mother and father. The myth that most separated fathers pose a risk to their children is a dangerous stereotypical view that has already had serious consequences for the community. Children need the love of both parents, to alienate if they are to become healthy and well-adjusted members of society.

Sole custody exposes children to a greater risk of harm, refer to <http://www.jointparenting.org.au/solecustodyoutcomes.htm> for supporting evidence.

Domestic violence is not a gender-specific crime, women can be violent too. Finally, reseasrch shows that up to 90% of Australians support equal parenting time. Refer to www.fathers4equality-australia.org/equalparenting/fathers4equality.nsf/pages/publicopinion.

Thank you for reading my submission

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