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Senate debate on Family Law

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I would like to express that I am concerned about the proposed law changes to the Family Law act. The new law does not go far enough due to it being controlled by a group of politicians that do not want change or are without the integrity to do the right thing to all Australians.

The law does need changing, to take away all of the bias behaviour of the court system

I would like to propose the following with an explanation

Mediation where the parents sit down without solicitors and broker a deal that both can work and abide. This would not be allowed to be placed at jeopardy because a parent decides that after a period the contractual agreement does not suit at a particular time. Solicitors would be excluded from the process and the parents would be solely involved so that the deal can work for both.

Presumption of 50:50 shared custody, for the betterment of children and their mental stability. At times this might not be practical, but as a starting point would remove a great deal of the adversarial conflict created by the law as it stands and reinforced by Family Law Court Solicitors

Shared responsibility for the raising and developing of the children to meet the emotional and financial needs. Both parents need to be involved in the up bring of children to make this as positive as practical (a holistic approach)

Contravention of orders to be taken seriously, when the agreement is breach it must be dealt with, not ignored as it is a present

That violence has to be proven not just an allegation that the court sees as legitimate without any support. Solicitors knowing the law use this work apprehension of violence to fraudulently place one parent at a distinct advantage over the other. The court as soon as they see this allegation remove the children from one parent allowing the CSA to harass and ultimately financially destroy the NCP parent.

Remove the % system for Child support and base it on the reviewing of both parents ability to live and

support their children. If it was a fair agreement that both parents agreed there would not need for the problems that exist today. The CSA is manned by unskilled workers who lack the compassion to deal with such a sensitive issue.

A misconception is that woman earns a great deal less than men and the CSA is there to rectify this in balance. Years ago this may have been the case however, this is no longer the case where all members of society have the potential to earn equal amounts. If this injustice was fixed in child support more of the public would be willing to stay in the system and work knowing that the child support system was fair and they could live under the financial strain, knowing that it is fair.

This review of the law needs to be completely independent, remove the feminist the women haters and let this law be rectified for the benefit of all of Australian society. I believe that this is one chance the politicians have a chance to do something for society in a positive manner.

When the present law is reviewed in the future it will show that politicians and solicitors have a lot to answer for, in the same way that they have blotched laws such as the White Australian policy and the Aboriginal policies (stolen generation). This will be seen as the (stolen fathers or the deserted children) legacy that will haunt Australia for years to come. The law at the present contravenes all human rights as set out by the UN. Let the group in power do something that benefits all especially the ones that need protecting the most and the ones that are our greatest asset not in monetary terms as solicitors and CP view but in a value that benefits society, our children.

All I would like to see is fairness where the power is equal and society can function harmoniously. Because you get divorce does not suddenly make you a violent person and a criminal without rights. Both parents need to be parents equally and then our society will grow into a society of potential.

Thanks for your time
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