

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

To Whom it May Concern,

Once upon a time there was inequality rampant in regard to women and their rights etc. Today I have seen and experienced the reverse in action and what's more women have far greater tools at their disposal to immediately alter a relationship between father and child.

Women have the power to stop a father from any contact with his child in one of two ways, a claim of domestic violence or a false allegation of indecent dealings with his child. From that moment on men and their children have no rights to see each other whether the allegation is true or not.

I have a friend who is experiencing both of these at the hands of a woman who is not accountable for the emotional damage she has caused and is causing her child because she has the power to do so. He is innocent and so is his child. It's time the government bodies had protections in place to stop fathers and their children being scarred for the rest of their lives. I am a mother and some one who has experienced violence and sexual abuse as a young girl and I still believe what is happening to fathers today by a lot of vengeful women is wrong. Obviously genuine cases are a different matter, the question of guilt is taken as a given as it stands today, what about the accusers guilt when it is found to be untrue months down the track. Women should not have the power to do this to their children and the fathers without them also being quietly investigated for previous attitudes or actions in the case of perhaps different fathers. The laws have to more balanced and fairer for the children of today.

Thank you for reading my submission

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