

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

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

Inquiry into the provisions of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005

Dear Committee,

(The dream of being a True Parent again. (.. a request for True shared 50/50 Parenting in both Time and Parental Responsibility.)

I wish to make a few comments on this proposed new Bill.

While, being part of a number of father friendly supports groups, I can only safely talk about my own wishes of returning back to real parenting.

I feel that if the changes to the Family Law Act are styled completely fair most if not all of the steam out of most Family break up would disappear. For example things like the certainty of the role of both parents, in my case the role of remaining a complete and real father to my son who actually want to be part of my life, as I wish to be part of his life. Being able to be actively spend real time (not just every second weekend) and be instrumental in all his important decisions make for a very well rounded child in spite of marriage break up.

The current system to date make all to easy for the mother to eliminate the father completely out of the child's life. The use of falsely fabrication of lies currently used by embittered mothers are all to quickly endorsed by the Family Court in this country with out any actual or real evidence. Only a very costly process in this court finally allow this court to reinstate the very bear and meaningless contact time.

I strongly believe that the current Family law system supports the role of the fathers as complete second class parents. Is this the message we wish to give our children?

About a month ago I was asked by a single mother ; " Why has there has been a major surge in the so called "angry fathers lobby"....."what is wrong with them all !?!" I think I now have found the perfect answer to this very vexing Question! It was not that I could not offer a perfect expansion to this question, but to offer an emotional free reply was my aim when faced with this very important question, which in truth deserved a well constructive reply.

Very recently I received an email from Mr Tony Miller of Dads in Distress. He summed it up in such an elegantly manor.

So, why are Men "fired up"?

"Men are angry because their children have been taken away. Men are angry because they are back and forth through the courts in order to find a judge who will assure them that they can continue a relationship with their children. Men are angry because our children have been stolen, and we want them back. There is

nothing wrong with anger, violence is the problem. Anger is an emotion that gets you to your feet to fight against an injustice and rightly so,"

In truth he has captured the very essence of the problem. In my own experience I found my self walking into the Family Court of Western Australia, a - " father, husband and person with an acceptable but challenging life style".

After a vortex of lies and gender racism and in truth a dose of pure un-Australian shock. I was again a single man, in every aspect of life. I found I had all my all assets were to be carefully "remove " and then my only child was to be completely removed out of my life (even today this aspect this is the still the case). I then discovered that is acceptable to lie in this court?! It appeared that to lie is also an acceptable action, without the actually requirement to tender any actual. In my case any evidence at all! To my disbelief this was completely acceptable. The left me completely void of any actually or real understanding of this Court (the Family Court) role's. Is this the aim of Family Court to act in such a manor? I have not in my adult life found any similar authority which acts so boldly with out any social responsibility but has such a lasing effect on the life of the father's of our fine land.

I now truly hope that the current changes to the Family Law act will address all these aspects with a since of fairness for all parties. The one aspect that needs to "fined turned" is the assured time component. I ask that is aspect is firmed up and with real meaningful safe guards, being enshrined in this new Act for our young children and enforceable if needed.

Please remember that fathers matter to children and children matter to fathers, I base this on my own experience as a child and a father. So why should in today's world our young children continue to suffer fatherless at the hand of our Family Law system when so many of Dads only want to be complete and meaning fathers in all aspects of parenting ; - TIME (50/50) and DECISION- MAKING like any other father. May be it should be stated how many children "divorce their parents?

Please can I ask you once again to at least consider a little better and clearer the "real " reasons behind why Fathers are just a little unhappy! Yes, we are angry at being processed by the Family Court here in Australia as nothing less than second class parents.

Kind Regards,

Clive Purt.

Thank you for reading my submission

Name: Clive Purt

Postal Address: Applecross, WA