

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

Not only will equal parenting time allow more time with fathers but it will also allow more time with the rest of their family. What about the aunts and uncles on the fathers side. What about the grandparents. What about cousins. Children have a right to know all of their family. There are only so many hours in a day and most are spent just catching up and spending quality time with the father. PROVEN Domestic violence affects only a small percentage of separated couple but they are the ones we always hear about. Time to listen to the men who want more time with their children but are forced to sit on the sidelines because of unfair laws and unfair child support policies. Children have a right to know BOTH parents. It wasnt the fathers fault that the marriage broke down. We have a no fault divorce system in this country yet it is the men who are blamed and punished by having their children taken away. I get two days a fortnight with my children because my wife fell in love with another man yet I was the one punished by the courts. We never argued. We never fought. I dont have a police record yet my children will be at a greater risks if I want to see them more?

TIME TO MOVE INTO THE 21st CENTURY.....CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW BOTH PARENTS AND SPEND EQUAL TIME WITH THEM.....THE GOVERNMENT USES THE PHRASE " IT ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN".....WELL START BY LETTING THEM SPEND MORE TIME WITH THE FATHERS THAT LOVE THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

EQUAL PARENTING TIME will allow me to spend more time with and nurture my children. They will grow knowing that their father has played a major part in their lives and install some of his values into them. My value....You have to work hard to succeed....They have already realized that. They see that I work hard for the things I have achieved and I hope they will follow in my footsteps and become all they can be.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE was never part of my marriage so why is it now. Most fathers move on with their lives and remarry and are happy. I have. Women commit it just as often as men yet it would be rarely reported. If my exwife hit me I wouldnt tell anyone a woman bashed me up. I fear more that my children are being brought up by a step father who will never have the same bond with them. why is he any different than me when it comes to committing domestic violence.

SOLE CUSTODY does not expose children to more risk of child abuse. More abuse is committed by step-fathers than fathers. Just pick up a paper and there will be a story in it. Equal time will allow children to become closer to their fathers and if they have a problem then they know their father is there for them. There will feel comfortable to talk to them. The only child abuse I see with Sole Custody is the lack of time the children can spend with their father.

CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW AND SPEND EQUAL TIME WITH BOTH PARENTS!!!!

Thank you for reading my submission

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