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Dear Sir / Madam, our submission to the enquiry is as follows:

If you go into any prison in Australia (or indeed around the world) you will find that the vast majority of inmates are a) male and b) from homes where no positive male role models existed.

If young men are exposed to positive male role models, women are actually the winners, with a consequent reduction in violence, alcohol and other drug use and anti-social behaviour.

One way that you can reinforce the incredibly important part that fathers play in the lives of their sons would be to ensure that the words father, mother and parent/s continue to be used in your legislation.

Yours Sincerely,

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