

To : Inquiry into; -
Sex Discrimination Act

I would like to make comment on the anti discrimination laws within Australia.

Firstly discrimination is thriving in Australia and the anti discrimination commissioner is viewing the discrimination laws as discrimination against one gender. Her position and I use the word her because I believe that the position has only been filled by woman. Now this in its self is not a problem if the commissioner is just and sees the position as discrimination against all Australian is offensive.

The landscape in Australia has changed and equality of the 2008 era is different to the equality that was believed equitable of the 1960's

I am a man with 2 daughters and a son at no times have I wanted any more or less be given as opportunity for them to live with the ability to achieve the best they can and feel free in their aspirations to seek happiness no matter what they desire. So I must stress that my I see my children as equal and see them as people not gender based

My areas of concern are listed: -

1. Mandatory detention is now being eliminated in Australia for women and children; this is discriminatory saying that men are the dangerous members of society. This even if not true places a perception that the men are the problem
2. The add campaign "Violence against women Australia says no" is discrimination. If the slogan was to say the following violence against all Australian's, Australia says no, this would be inclusive and treat and appropriate. This slogan being advertised allows society to treat men as violent members of society and be treated unequal
 - a. Men are subjected to violence and discrimination in the family structure: -
 - b. Reporting of violence
 - c. If violence is reported it is assumed that it has been perpetrated by the male
 - d. Police view violence from one side, that of the male
 - e. A male around children is viewed with distain and places pressure on the male to prove innocence
3. The family court still believe that in custody battles the woman has the rights to the children, the new laws have not changed the fact
 - a. It is assumed that the woman has custody in separation; a man has to fight for his right for equal time or any time.
 - i. Custody battles are still awarded 90% to the female gender

- ii. A. V. O's are used as a way of influencing Family Court cases, statistics show violence is perpetrated by both genders however, only one is viewed in the media
 - iii. In Family Law cases where dispute for custody is in debate affidavits use violence as a way to help determine cases. This does not have to be proven but stated and viewed as perpetrated by one gender
 - iv. Violence is used as a determining fact where evidence would suggest that natural fathers are the safest person to child has to be with. Violence against children is a mother and step father's domain
 - b. Media help maintain the perception that men are evil, this has been proven with media reports negative views of men. The public see this as normal and acceptable. Media report men in a way that the public view as the way men are, the good stories showing the good seem to lack the intensity that sell papers or other forms of media
4. N.S.W. parliament has allowed for fathers to be removed from birth certificates, this is discriminatory against a gender and making fathers less worthy than that of the female, it is also effective in: -
- a. Removing a child's family history from one side, this has been proven destructive in a child's development (stolen generation)
 - b. Medical history, again this could leave a child without a chance for transplants
 - c. Right to know about a family life that could open many outlets
5. This pointing of facts can be stated and confirmed and I could keep going along the following showing the inequities but it will do little to correct the situation. I have to say that before there can be equality in a nation the nation must be just to all. P. R. spin can be used to influence public opinion. This maintains a perception that may seem real but as a society matures it becomes aware so the perception has to grow
6. There is only one way to fix this problem that has engulfed Australia and that is to acknowledge it and fix it to help Australia to become the country that it has the potential to be.

Fair to all no matter about gender, race, age.