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To whom it may concern,  
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I am very interested in the report and its findings concerning children are safer with their biological fathers.

I have been going through the family court here in WA for nearly 5 1/2 years and have spent more than \$40,000 on legal fees. I now represent myself. I have found my ex-wife guilty of breaking orders and have had to go to court in-force the orders. There is no penalty in the court and she knows it, so she does what she wants. There is violence in her home with her partner, she denies this and people do not want to get involved.

My experience is that the bigger the lies the more the mother gets. The family court is the only court where there is no punishment for telling lies, in any other court they would be held in contempt and jailed.

She has had legal aid and or someone has given her the money for lawyers.

The last time we were in court there was 2-3 men representing themselves and the women had lawyers there is no level playing field within the family court. The women have the advantage over the men in every way. The lawyers are mostly women and there are women judges it all goes against the men.

I would be more than willing to take time off work and drive 2 hours to Perth in a few weeks when you are here to speak with you.

I have spoken to most of the mens groups they do offer support, but their hands are tied as well as ours.

The family court has alot to answer for with the many deaths of children by both parents, the suicide rate for men and the child support agency as well should be held responsible, there is no level paying field.

I truly beleive that the lawyers should not be allowed to represent either party. Each party should represent themselves and the court to make the paper easier.

As long as the family court, has the belief that any mother is better than no mother, more kids will be abused and more men will kill themselves. Things have to change before more kids suffer.

Sincerely,

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