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of the issues involved with the ongoing
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22nd –28th of September is being internationally promoted as
Equal Parents Week, with the focal theme being "the Best Parent
is Both Parents".

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With obvious opposition from the Law Practitioners Association and
the Family Law Foundation for obvious commercial reasons, there
are irrefutable facts well demonstrating the need for rebuttable
presumption of Shared Parenting and a complete modernization in
Family Law Reform.

Statistical research confirms the incredibly baneful social trend for
children who have a biological parent absent through separation
and divorce. Considering the figures supplied by the Australian
Bureau of Statistics show this effects one third of all children in
situations of divorce, the true figure may be much greater when
citing children of separated defacto relationships.

These children are shown to be more likely to develop a vast array
of behavioral and health problems occupying and absorbing an
already strained Health Department. Have greater trouble in many
facets of their education with over representation in early school
leavers leading to less attainment of qualifications and a greater
likelihood of experiencing unemployment, and homelessness.
There is a greater likelihood of being involved in criminally activity
leading to juvenile detention and jail convictions. They are more
likely to smoke, to become alcohol and substance abusers. Are
more likely to experience sexual problems including become more
prone to teenage pregnancies entering partnerships earlier and
more often as a cohabitation. There is a greater chance they will
have children outside marriage or outside any partnership. These
cohabiting unions are more likely to lead to divorce or being
dissolved and so this tragic cycle is repeated. - Safe to say

The best interests of the child lay with both parents,
The social cost to the community and monetary cost to our society
abroad for the dysfunctional repercussions to the present family
law system would certainly run into astronomical figures.

In contrast to the interpretations of Institutionalized conservatives
alike Chief Justice Alister Nicholson, the estimated 95per cent of
separations which do not proceed to the Family Courts are

certainly not all coming to amicable arrangements with the best interests of the children at heart.

The initial disadvantage against working parents is the lack of acknowledgement for their parental contributions despite negotiating anti family friendly workplace contracts, highlights the immediate compromise in the courts of the "Paramount consideration" theory being swept aside in favour of guarding the ATO's Welfare.

The well publicized exorbitant on going costs of Legal proceeding's in securing and retaining Court Orders automatically excludes a portion of those who do not have access to such funds and for those who may scrape in are easily succumbed in time by the added pressure of the CSA. Cuts to Legal Aid and limited such access to legal resources, do little to reassure faith in Justice system.

The record of the Courts awarding fortnightly contact which barely maintains the ability of a non residential parents and extended family to play an equally important and active role in children's upbringing are a few of the contributing factors deterring many disfranchised parents from pursuing and retaining contact through Legal avenue's.

However by far, the greatest negligence of today's Family Court is the failure to address the insidious incidence of Parental Alienation, a prominent and destructive form of Domestic Violence. The nonresidential parent and family is continually obstructed, denied and quite often ostracized from their children with the former spouse's selfish intention, nothing short of inflicting emotional abuse and ultimately eliminating the absent parent from holding any significance in the children's lives.

→ using numerous tactics

At present, parochial Family Law parameters are assisting in the proliferation of this crude and malicious activity. With the adoption of rebuttable presumption of Shared Parenting, those who do violate the rights of children to know both Parents will be greater exposed as perpetrators of acting against the best interest of children. Until such time these issues are addressed and protective parental provisions are developed, these vanquished parents and

displaced children remain very much unresolved and oppressed members of the community.

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ARE DEFENDING THE CURRENT DEFICIENCIES
IN OUR FAMILY LAW FROM
PROTECTING NON-RESIDENTIAL
PARENTS FROM HOSTILE & MAUCIOUS
RESIDENTIAL PARENTS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A PART
OF SOCIETY & PARTICULARLY, LEGISLATION
~~DETERIORATED~~ COMBATING THIS ABUSE