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**The Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
Canberra**

Subject: The practice of dowry and the incidence of dowry abuse in Australia

**Submission:** Australia is set to pass legislation against dowry abuse in Australia

Respected Sir/Madam

Dowry system was in Practice in Indian subcontinent and among Indian Origin community abroad, and it's prohibited in India in 1961.

There is Law in India and its called Dowry Prohibition Act covered under Penal code Section 498A.

This law in India is widely misused by Bride side, because it's biased towards Male/Husband Family, most of the cases registered with one word women Bride side without any verification or investigation.

Indian National crime Bruere reported acquittal rate in IPC 498A is more than 80%

Please find cumulative statistics for Dowry and Domestic Violence here

<https://mynation.net/voice/ncrb/> same can be found on NCRB website of Government of India.

Same trend is continued in Indian community Abroad too (Australia/Canada/UK/USA)

At the time of Marriage Girl side is not supporting man to start new family, buy house, or pay all the bills, its Indian Mentality that girl Family expect man has to pay for everything, No girl is ready to marry Boy from poor family.

They always look for well to do grooms only, they look for Rich NRI men, They use Rich NRI men to migrate, it is not true that Men family harass them, most of the time Girl Family want to reap where they don't sow. coz they know if their marriage is end up in Divorce, they hit the jackpot, if husband is Rich. [ Ref : <https://mynation.net/study-report-498a.htm> ]

There is no such thing as dowry demand / Harassment or related violence, most of the time these laws are used get out of marriage by using law and make money.

If any such laws are made then, that should be gender neutral and those who misuse these laws, should be deported back to India or their PR / Citizenship cancelled.

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