

I write to express my opposition to the proposed '**Family Violence Bill**' which I believe is currently being considered by the Senate.

Having been through the 'Family Court' system, facing the hideous nature of false allegations, I can relate easily to the heartache and trauma that this Bill will instigate if it is passed.

All children deserve the right to know both their mother and their father. The current culture within the Family Court to alienate children from their father is, without doubt, just as horrendous as any other abuse. The system currently makes it difficult for fathers to have a meaningful relationship with their children without adding further obstacles that will effectively alienate them from each other.

If this Bill is passed, I believe the parental rights of a father will be extremely diminished and could easily result in children losing their right to know one of their parents. This Bill will only encourage spiteful behaviour as one party will know that merely raising the issue of abuse will cause the system to react by restricting the targeted parents contact with their child.

Yours sincerely,

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