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To the Honourable members of the Senate Committee.

To roll back the 2006 shared parenting reforms would take us, as a nation, back to the dark ages. When all evidence is taken into account, it can be plainly seen that the children won a great victory in 2006. We now have less suicides and less fatal child abuse.

Now, some knee-jerk reactionists with an agenda wish to use one single incident where a father killed his child, while ignoring the incident where a mother killed her child, to reclaim more “rights” for women over men.

As a past national Vice President and NSW State President of DADS Australia (formerly Dads Against Discrimination), I was very interested in discovering the truth of what happens to all parties in the breakdown of a relationship involving children. What I discovered was a despicable and sinister demonizing of all men by the radical feminist movement.

When graphing the suicides of people involved in family breakdown, I discovered that Australia had the highest suicide rate in the world, that of dispossessed fathers between the ages of 24 and 40. And, as if to slap the feminists in the face, their very own daughters were following their fathers into the grave. Yes, the graph of (not the sons, but) the daughters, was identical to the graph of the fathers. Anyone who is remotely interested in the truth can obtain these figures and produce a graph in Microsoft Excel, that is, anyone who is not afraid of the truth.

You are no doubt aware of the tragic death of Darcey Freeman on the Westgate Bridge. But are you aware of the murder, one year prior, of Oliver Garcia at the hands of his mother ON THE SAME BRIDGE. I emphasize this to highlight the fact that the media did not announce the murder by the mother anywhere near the extent to which they broadcasted the death caused by a father.

One study conducted by the Medical Journal of Australia stated that the most common cause of death was fatal child abuse at the hands of the mother or her de facto partner. I am not aware of the proportion of de facto partners that are male.

I have heard some say that it is fine to let the father see the children “if he is ok”. I have never heard anyone apply that rule to the mother, when clearly, as the evidence shows, children are much safer with the father. Psychology tells us that both boys and girls derive their sexual identity from the father, not the mother. Is it any wonder we have such a confused generation of children?

As sad as marriage break up and child abuse is, it does not, (as the feminists would have you believe), indicate that all men are evil. Which of you men would consider yourselves intrinsically evil?

In my experience, fathers sacrifice for their children more than mothers. Many mothers give lip service as does the Family Court when tagging “ ...in the best

interests of the children” to everything they say in a sneaky attempt to have us believe they really care. But that does not mean that all fathers are good and all mothers are bad. The truth lies somewhere between and I am only attempting to counteract the frantic sensationalism of some disturbed individuals and groups.

What matters most is that all parties are treated equally and fairly. This will cause less frustration and consternation which often is played out on the children, either directly or indirectly.

These children are the people who will one day **be** our society. We have seen over the past thirty years, since the organised break-up of the family unit, the rapid decline of our society.

Children need a father and a mother and the decision you arrive at will make or break, not only these dear children, but also this country.

Remember the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Bible? How God punished them with fire? Those cities have been found and their ashen remains can be viewed at www.michaelrood.tv as evidence that we will all be held accountable for our decisions, particularly the decisions we make that ruin the lives of others.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and I pray that you will all exercise wisdom and not succumb to the pressure brought to bear by some well-funded, anti-family, women who hate men.

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