

To the Attorney General

Robert McClelland

Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Robert,

RE: Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill

Following my submission on 5th July 2011, to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs into the enquiry into Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011 and it being published, I wish to make a further submission as follows:

I strongly support the Family Law Act being amended to include the following three recommendations:

- Remove 'shared parenting' from being enforceable; allow it to be an option for families who choose this.
- In cases of extenuating circumstances, allow legal re-examination of a case and reimplementation of court orders via compassionate grounds to the primary carer/mother who has experienced the trauma and disadvantage of 1. Power imbalance such as in the case of the other party becoming involved with their lawyer, 2. In high conflict cases, 3. When there are claims of family violence, 4. In the instance of 'system abuse' and 'legal bullying'.
- Urgent increased education, awareness and prevention of 'legal abuse syndrome', 'legal bullying' and 'system abuse' by legal practitioners and allied professions.

Regards

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