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Attention Chairperson The Honourable Brendan Nelson Boys Education Inquiry

Dear Chairman and Committee

We wish to submit to the inquiry into boys trailing girls in their education results.

You will no doubt get an abundance of responses on academic schooling aspects, therefore we propose to not indulge in that area, save to say that it is about the only area where any 'development' measurements are clearly and constantly taken. Instead we will reveal other areas relevant to our experience that may not be so heavily canvassed, none the less are essential education environment criteria.

We draw upon our organisations 28 years experience in the area of family breakdown administration and find inter-generational consequences upon boys [and girls] from the ways their fathers and other men are (mal)treated by administrative services of Governments.. Here we express a difference between a matriarchal society and a feminist society. In a matriarchal society the emphasis is on 'mother of a family]' whereas in a feminist society the emphasis is on 'gender separatism' favouring the female. Hence our submission terminology of 'Separatist Feminism', applies not to mothers, but to Government Administration, staffing and funding.

Family and Educational Services have become predominantly female staffed and 'Feminist' oriented as 'Women's Services'. This is still being unduly accentuated by government's Affirmative Discrimination employing females, until some services are well over 90% or are 100% female staff. Female employees per say are no problem, however their individual and collective attitudes in an era of 'Separatist Feminism' has produced a generation of female staff very prepared to misuse their occupations to clandestinely favour women through their employment. This gender based corruption must be stopped immediately.

Our organisation frequently experiences their uninhibited and fierce unjust support of mothers over fathers in family matters, where legal equality should reign. Indeed this LFAA branch currently has a case with Commonwealth Police of an NT Government Department we allege blatantly committed perjury in The Family Court to injure a fathers relationship with his children. We currently have another complaint of misconduct by NT Police, in the same family no less.

Where the mother left her own home across the suburb, went to the fathers home and entered it unannounced to commit violence upon her son, the attending female NT Police officer made a misleading report to conceal the mothers actions of domestic violence. There are many clear and blatant instances of gender 'gatekeeping' by female staffing.

Throughout these services 'separatist feminism' operates clandestinely between staff and departments, promoting and favouring a female clientele. Inversely males / fathers and boys have become neglected, and indeed deliberately ostracised and alienated. Especially in family breakdown, of which 83% is initiated by the female partner. [83% - Source Australian Institute of Family Studies 1998 - 99]. Female bias in this system furthers sees most children from family separations develop in female single parent homes, and usually without a Paternal family role model

Our LFAA experience and observations are that under 'separatist feminist' domination there are adverse consequence to children. Under the present 'feminist regime' girls are supported and encouraged to do better, some adopt for masculine ways. Boys on the other hand are neglected, and humiliated to desist from inherent masculine behaviour, and are obliged to toe the 'feminist' line that stifles their self development. There seems an increasing childhood and juvenile preference towards homosexuality by both gender, possibly from the same childhood phobias and values inspired by 'separatist feminism' domination. It must be realised that the Taxpayer is frequently being rorted to support "separatist feminism' and to further fund a series of consequential problems such as in education or anti-social and criminal behaviours in other areas of Taxpayer funding.

Before the era of Separatist Feminism'; boys were throughout all history consistently [and naturally?] school and academic leaders. Now there is systemic neglect and demonising of boys so as to help elevate girls as an absurd and unproductive practice, destructive to our society. On a recent 60 Minutes program school girls were interviewed and were outspoken to declare boys second class citizens. Just as 'feminist' predominance dictates they should do, to continue the ideology into future generations.

As school years start to pass, boys begin to realise the trap of their approaching and inevitable male adulthood, to be badly treated like Dad or his male friends were by 'feminist' power. They also see no future in a family formation, many have never known Paternal Grandparents. Large numbers of Boys have already experienced abuses from Mum without Dad's balancing protection, nobody believes women are violent and abusive, family services won't listen. At school and socially girls abuse boys to freely make false allegations and taunt them without consequence to the accusing girls. Where at school it now is predominantly staffed with female teachers supporting 'feminist notions' about [against] boys. Where school 'education' tells Boys what demons their gender is for indulging in domestic violence, a false notion promoted by Office Status of Women conveniently ignoring social science research, that the female gender is as equally abusive and violent.

Boys pass from childhood into male adulthood [like girls into women] not quite fitting into either but belonging to both as they have done eternally. Boys have lost their adult male mentors and role models to an earlier phase of 'separatist feminism. Boys now instead find 'kinship' mainly amongst their own age and gender rejected ilk. Where many become drugtakers and vandals consuming their youthful energies and expressing their anger from gender discrimination and gender alienation'. The balance of role models must be restored by better government pollices. What is the scale? There are currently about 1.4 million children in the Child Support Scheme, so how many millions have already passed through it and no longer can be counted? About 6 million Australians (30%) have had some direct experience of family separation and its embracing 'Feminism' as a panacea. Grandparents are part of the family equation and support, but through 'separatist feminism, grandchildren and grandparents are increasingly being denied their extended family support. The consequences upon families has been very, very devastating and much worse on children. Some 40% of child abuse occurs in sole parent homes where 90% are mothers as primary caregivers. Child abuse and family violence is administered by governments on a false hypothesis of 'feminism' that only females are victims and only males are perpetrators. Boys are suffering greatly and it shows in school results.

Australia's highest suicide group are separated males @ 1660 per year [31 per week] and is 18 men to one woman in similar circumstances. It is that bad for adult males, imagine the horror it is to developing Boys enduring a forceful 'feminist' doctrine throughout their formative years.

At the schooling level much of this consequence is observable, comparable and measurable in academic performance against past history, and indeed forms the trigger to this inquiry. Unfortunately male [and female] development is currently being ignored beyond this phase. Governments must become more proactive to restore the 'natural' balances of the genders of developing youth, and indeed adults, by not playing one against the other, nor favouring one over the other. Governments must cease indulging in gender discrimination policies.

Here we are referring to matters of childhood development opportunities and not engineering society that some previous governments have so disastrously attempted by embracing 'Feminism' proffering women's votes.

The wider society is similarly concerned and there are many good examples of support by very eminent authors and advocates specifically in this area of community concern, for the natural development of boys as boys. There is also the inverse, that girls too must be allowed to be girls. Whilst the twain shall never meet from natural biological differences, they should not be politicised and /or exaggerated to achieve other forms of 'Idealism' by distorting their 'natural' (im)balances.

We emphasise the "Tool" so called domestic violence has become under Office Status of Women administration. Whereby OSoW have successfully concealed an equal amount of female perpetrators, and the Government and Public have come to believe a false notion that the behaviour is exclusively abuse and violence by men to women. This propaganda must be stopped by government. Social science research, and government's own crime statistics and child abuse data respected as the criteria of service provision. Government must set straight this administrative <u>anomaly on personal conduct</u> before most other recommendations will work effectively and be beneficial to the better education environment of boys [and girls].

We have decided to keep this submission short save to make our emphasis as we have.

Please find enclosed articles in support of our concerns. We regularly submit to governments on Family Breakdown Administration issues and welcome this opportunity to report on a much less obvious but important Family concern. Thank you too for your interest in this topic. We will be available at Territory level for further responses. Our National level contact is Mr Barry Williams, in Canberra on 02 6258 4216. Sincerely

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