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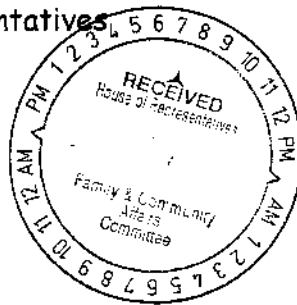
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Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
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Dear Chairperson and Committee

Please find enclosed attachment document and leaflets as discussed by telephone with Mr Barry Williams National President of Lone Fathers Association Australia (Inc).

The leaflets are our small part of trying to help your public meeting and as they were placed on the entry table at your meeting in Newcastle about three weeks ago and were snapped up within seconds by the public we were asked to offer you some more for your Canberra Public Meeting.

We realise your Public Meeting in Canberra may be set out differently so if you can not pass on the enclosed Words of Encouragement and items of public interest we understand so just return them back to us via normal mail please so we can offer them on to assist others.

We sincerely thank you for all of your help and assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Les J Gray".

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Dear Chairperson and Committee

Re: **CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS INQUIRY.**

Further to your telephone conversation with Mr Barry Williams President of the Lone Fathers Association Australia (Inc) please find the enclosed the discussed attachment document.

"PERSONAL HISTORY".

To those who need to be informed of back ground and qualifications of the writer I submit the following brief personal history from here you can access where I obtained my insight over thirty five years to the present review of Shared Parenting.

My name is Leslie James Gray and this is a little of what has been said or written about me that I share with you for those on the Committee who feel they need to know.

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It is said I was the first Man in Australia to Challenge a then very cruel Legal System by applying in The Supreme Court of New South Wales for Legal Custody of a Baby Girl in the days when such things were unheard of.

The Supreme Court of New South Wales approved and granted me Sole Custody of my Baby Daughter.

The rest reads as follows:-

Les Gray has worked in the helping profession for over 30 years as a volunteer. He has been nominated for Citizen of the Year many times for his work in the community as Community Welfare Chairman for a Lions Club. Les also served in Rotary Clubs and worked for Australian Birthright Movement working with children in crisis. He also worked with both single parent mothers and fathers. Les was a single father himself, raising his daughter from infancy. In fact Les was the first know man in Australia to be granted full Legal Custody of a Baby Girl in the days when men were seen as not capable of raising children on their own. When there were no benefits, assistance or facilities whatsoever available for Lone Fathers or their Children.

He has many years experience helping people with addictions, anxieties, borderline personality disorders, low self-esteem, and in many other areas such as loss and grief.

Les Gray is a Life Member of: -

The RSPCA

The Horse Welfare Society

Keep Australia Beautiful

The main point of all this is that I have spent over thirty years assisting single - sole parents and listening to the problems they have with their children that I will set out for you after the next Item "Altruistic Love - Parenthood".

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"Altruistic Love - Parenthood"

UPDATED VERSION.

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- 1) SYDNEY - WAVERLEY HOSPITAL 7TH APRIL 1968. "BABY GIRL WAS BORN NOW AGE THIRTY FIVE (35) YEARS.
- 2) THREE DAYS LATER ON 10th APRIL 1968 MOTHER DECIDES AND STATED "IT'S MY BIRTHDAY I AM TWENTY TWO!!! IT'S MADE ME THINK CLEARLY "I DON'T WANT THE BABY, NOT SPENDING MY LIFE BRINGING IT UP".
- 3) MOTHER MAIDEN NAME NOW ONLY GIVEN AND KNOWN ADDRESS BEING HEAD LIBRARIAN COLLEGENEW SOUTH WALES TELEPHONE NO:
.....
- 4) MOTHER NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BABY THOUGH FULLY AWARE BABY WOULD NOW JUST BE AUTOMATICALLY MADE A WARD OF THE STATE.
- 5) MOTHER WAS REPEATEDLY CHECKED AND WAS NOT SUFFERING FROM POST NATAL DEPRESSION.
- 6) HUSBAND AND FATHERS DID NOT GET AWARDED CHILDREN IN THE SIXTIES! IT WAS UNHEARD OF IN 1968.

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- 7) AFTER APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS MOTHER TOTALLY ABANDONED HER BABY COMPLETELY AND WENT TO NORTH QUEENSLAND TO ENJOY HERSELF.
- 8) 1968 THE MOTHERS ACTIONS SHOCKED SOCIETY.
- 9) MOTHER TOTALLY CLEANED OUT THEIR JOINT BANK ACCOUNT.
- 10) FATHER WAS NOW LEFT WITH NO MONEY WHATSOEVER TO SURVIVE ON OR TO FEED THE BABY EVEN ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS.
- 11) FATHER FORCED TO GIVE UP CAREER TO RAISE THE BABY.
- 12) FATHERS CAREER WAS SUCCESSFUL IN BUSINESS INVOLVED IN THE DETAILING OF THE GLASS FOR THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE IN THE GLASS AND ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY AND HAD TWO BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMPANIES IN SYDNEY NEW SOUTH WALES.
- 13) COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS REFUSED TO ADVANCE ANY MONEY TO A FATHER WHO WAS TOTALLY SUPPORTING HIS BABY IN SYDNEY FROM 7TH APRIL 1968.
- 14) COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS REFUSED TO PAY A PENSION AS THERE WAS NONE AVAILABLE FOR MEN BRINGING UP THEIR CHILDREN IN AUSTRALIA IN 1968.
- 15) COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS REFUSED TO HELP WITH ANY MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BABY AS THERE WAS NO PROVISION FOR MEN TO BE ASSISTED IN ANYWAY WHATSOEVER TO BRING UP CHILDREN IN 1968.

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- 16)QC ANDBARRISTER OF
..... BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS IN SYDNEY WON
CUSTODY OF THE BABY GIRL FOR THE FATHER AGAINST ALL
ODDS AND THE SYSTEM IN 1968 WHEN BABY GIRL ONLY A FEW
MONTHS OLD MAKING LEGAL HISTORY.
THE ABOVE WAS RATIFIED ON 24TH APRIL 1969 BY THE
METROPOLITAN CHILDREN'S COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES WHEN
THE CHILD WAS ONE YEAR OLD.
ON THE 31ST JULY 1970 THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
MATRIMONIAL CAUSES JURISDICTION DECLARED THAT THEY WERE
SATISFIED WITH THE FATHER HAVING CUSTODY OF BABY GIRL AND
THEY APPROVED FOR THE FIRST KNOWN TIME A FATHER HAVING
CUSTODY OF A BABY GIRL IN AUSTRALIA.
- 17) COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY
DEPARTMENTS WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE RULINGS OF THE COURT
AS THEY HAD NOTHING IN THEIR TEXT BOOKS THAT FATHERS
SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BRING UP CHILDREN PARTICULARLY A
BABY GIRL THEY JUST HARASSED THE FATHER VIRTUALLY
DAILY.
- 18) T.A.A. AIRLINES ASSISTED SMUGGLING THE FATHER AND
CHILD BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS ACROSS AUSTRALIA
BETWEEN SYDNEY AND PERTH WHEREBY THE BABY GIRL WAS
HIDDEN FROM THE AUTHORITIES. THE BABY WAS ALSO TAKEN
TO BRISBANE ON OCCASIONS BY THE FATHER TO CONCEAL THE
CHILD FROM THE WELFARE AUTHORITIES OLD BELIEF SYSTEMS.
- 19) BABY WAS CARED FOR AND HIDDEN IN
.....CHURCHSYDNEY NEW SOUTH
WALES AND AT A DOCTORS HOME IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS TO
PROTECT BABY FROM BEING SEIZED FROM GOVERNMENT
WELFARE DEPARTMENTS WHO BELIEVED MOTHERLESS
CHILDREN SHOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY MADE WARDS OF THE
STATE.

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- 20) FATHER WAS FORCED TO COME BACK TO PERTH TO ESCAPE THE PRESSURES OF COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS IN SYDNEY NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR CONSTANT INTIMIDATION AND DAILY THREATS TO JUST SIEZE THE CHILD FROM THE FATHER.
- 21) THE FATHER HAVING RECEIVED NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT WHATSOEVER FROM HIS EX WIFE OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PAYING OUT HUGE SUMS OF MONEY TO THE SOLICITORS JUST TO GET CUSTODY OF HIS DAUGHTER AND THEREFORE STOP HER AUTOMATICALLY BECOMING A WARD OF THE STATE HE COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO PAY THE SKILLED NURSE TO CARE FOR HIS BABY DAUGHTER AND HAD TO RETURN TO PERTH AS HE WAS IN AN EXHAUSTED STATE DUE TO LEGAL FATIGUE AND BY RETURNING TO PERTH HE HAD HIS AGEING MOTHERS SUPPORT IN CARING FOR HIS BABY DAUGHTER. THE THREE OF THEM HAD TO SURVIVE ON HIS MOTHERS PENSION UNTIL HE COULD RECUPERATE ENOUGH TO RETURN TO WORK.
- 22) 1972 THE CHILD DEVELOPED AN UNKNOWN DISEASE AND THE FATHER AND HIS AGING MOTHER SPENT SEVEN YEARS UNDER EXTREME DURESS WATCHING CONSTANTLY FOR HIS DAUGHTER TO BECOME DEFORMED AND WAITING FOR SIGNS OF HER DYING AND AWAITING HIS DAUGHTERS PENDING DEATH.
- 23) NOW CHILD ILL COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS INTENSIFIED THEIR EFFORTS TO SEIZE THE CHILD FROM HER HIGHLY RESPECTED FATHER AND GRANDMOTHER PLACING THE FATHER UNDER EXTREME DURESS FOR SIXTEEN YEARS UNTIL 1984.
- 24) GOVERNMENT STATE HOUSING DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO PROVIDE HELP WITH HOUSING FOR THE FATHER AND DAUGHTER ON THE BASIS THAT HE WAS A MALE.

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- 25) THE FATHER MADE THE DECISION TO RISK EVERYTHING AND RETURN TO SYDNEY NEW SOUTH WALES EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW HE WOULD BE PLACED ONCE AGAIN UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE TO GIVE UP HIS SERIOUSLY ILL DAUGHTER TO THE WELFARE AUTHORITIES. THE FATHER WOULD NOW HAVE TO ENDURE GOING THROUGH THE SCRUTINY OF THE COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS AGAIN IN SYDNEY NEW SOUTH WALES WHO WERE FAR MORE REGIMENTED AND DISCIPLINED IN THEIR ATTITUDES THAN THOSE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA THEIR REGIMENTATION WOULD NOW INTENSIFY ONCE THEY FOUND OUT THE CHILD WAS ILL. BUT THE LOVE FOR HIS DAUGHTER..... AND HIS DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIS DAUGHTER'S LIFE BY HAVING HIS DAUGHTER RE-EXAMINED BY THE DOCTORS AT SYDNEY'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WAS FAR GREATER.
- 26) SYDNEY'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND PRINCESS MARGARET CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA CAME UP WITH MEDICATION FOR THE CHILD WHO IS NOW A GROWN WOMAN OF THIRTY FIVE (35) YEARS OF AGE SURVIVING ON THAT MEDICATION.
- 27) IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT BACK IN 1968 IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS THAT ONCE THEY GOT HOLD OF SOMEONE'S CHILD THEY HAD A STRONG BELIEF AND POLICY IN PLACE THAT THEY DISCOURAGED ANY FURTHER CONTACT BY THE PARENT WITH THEIR CHILD AS THEY CLASSIFIED THIS AS "DISRUPTIVE TO THE CHILD". THE FATHER HAD TO LIVE DAILY UNDER THE CONSTANT FEAR THE COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS WOULD SEIZE HIS BABY DAUGHTERFROM HIS CARE AND ENFORCE THEIR POLICY SO THAT HE WOULD NEVER SEE HIS DAUGHTER AGAIN.

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- 28) THE CHILDS MOTHER REFUSED TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF \$71.50 PER WEEK THEREAFTER INDEXED TO INFLATION AND WAGES AS INSTRUCTED BY COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS RETROSPECTIVELY FROM DATE OF MOTHERS DESERTION OF THE CHILD IN 1968 AND STILL REFUSED TO PAY ON 24TH APRIL 1969 DATE OF FINAL CUSTODY COURT HEARING AND FURTHER MORE CONTINUED TO REFUSE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AS REQUESTED ON 31ST JULY 1970 THE DATE OF THE SUPREME COURT ACTION AND THEREON AFTER BUT THE COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS REFUSED TO FORCE THE ISSUE "AGAINST A WOMEN" AN UNBIAS FACT.
- 29) MOTHER ON 26TH APRIL 1977 REFUSED TO PAY EVEN \$30.00 PER WEEK CHILD SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE NOW DESPERATELY NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE HUGE MEDICAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE FATHER IN TRYING TO SAVE THEIR DAUGHTERSLIFE. LEGAL ACTION TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE FATHER BY BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS ON 26TH APRIL 1977. MOTHER IN HER DEFENCE STATED PERSONALLY TO FATHERS AND CHILDS BARRISTER ALSO THE SECRETARY OF THE FATHERS BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS AND ALSO NOTIFIED THE FATHER OF THE FOLLOWING "I WOULD RATHER GET PREGNANT AGAIN THAN PAY CHILD SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FOR THAT CHILD".
- 30) MOTHER USED DELAYING TACTICS IN THIS LEGAL CASE FOR TWELVE (12) MONTHS EVEN THOUGH CHILD WAS SERIOUSLY ILL. MOTHER ONLY REVEALED SHE WAS NOW EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT AGAIN BEING ONLY DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING OF THIS CASE THUS DELIBERATELY INFLECTING ADDITIONAL STRESS, TRAUMA AND LEGAL COSTS ONTO THE FATHER THAT WAS ALL TOTALLY UNNECESSARY AND EXTREMELY CRUEL WITH NO CONCERN WHATSOEVER FOR HER SICK BABY DAUGHTER.....

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- 31) **THOUGH NINE YEARS HAD PASSED COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENTS STILL REFUSED TO FORCE THE MOTHER IN THIS ISSUE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AND THE ARREARS IN MAINTENANCE DURING THIS COURT ACTION AND THEREAFTER AS SHE WAS A WOMEN AN UNBIAS FACT.**
- 32) **THE MOTHER EVEN REFUSED TO PAY \$2.50 PER WEEK FROM 1972 TOWARDS MEDICAL COSTS OF SAVING HER DAUGHTER LIFE WHICH IN REALITY WOULD NOT RATE AT 1% OF THE COSTS.**
- 33) **MOTHER HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT WORK AS A HEAD LIBRARIAN SINCE 1968 AND CURRENTLY ONLY GIVEN AND KNOWN ADDRESS ISCOLLEGE.....SYDNEY N.S.W. TELEPHONE NO:**
- 34) **MOTHER REFUSED TO CONTACT HER DAUGHTER OR HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER FOR THIRTY FOUR (34) YEARS UNTIL RECENTLY ADVISED SHE WAS GOING TO BE ASKED TO HAVE A D.N.A. TEST FOR THE WELFARE AND WELLBEING OF HER DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER HEALTH.**
- 35) **MOTHER REFUSED TO HAVE THE D.N.A. TEST ON THE 3RD JULY 200 THAT WAS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT UNIVERSITY WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

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- 36) DAUGHTER OFWESTERN AUSTRALIA HAVING AGREED FOR NEED OF PATERNITY D.N.A. TESTING FOR HER POSSIBLE HEREDITARY HEALTH PROTECTION AND THAT OF HER DAUGHTER NOW SUDDENLY SHOCKS EVERYBODY BY ASSISTING THE MOTHER AFTER BEING CONTACTED BY HER IN BLOCKING THE D.N.A. TEST TO PROTECT HER MOTHER.
THE DAUGHTER'S ACTION WAS PROFESSIONALLY CONSIDERED TO REVEAL THE DEPTH OF THE DAUGHTERS POSSIBLE "ABSENT PARENT SYNDROME" AND "CHILD ALIENATION OF PARENT SYNDROME" BY REFUSING TO HAVE A D.N.A. TEST IN CONJUNCTION WITH HER MOTHER ON THE 3rd JULY 2002 THUS TOTALLY BETRAYING THE FATHER WHO HAD RAISED HER FROM BIRTH AND WAS DOING HIS BEST TO HELP HIS DAUGHTER AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTER PROTECT THEIR HEALTH.
- 37) IT APPEARS BY THE CONSULTANCY SERVICE DIVISION OF UNIVERSITY IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA LETTER DATED 4TH JULY 2002 FROM TELEPHONE NO:IT APPEARS THE MOTHER HAD MADE CONTACT WITH HER DAUGHTER AFTER THIRTY FOUR (34) YEARS AND SWAYED DAUGHTER TO BETRAY THE FATHER AFTER THIRTY FOUR (34) YEARS OF ALTRUISTIC LOVE SHE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIM BY REFUSING THE D.N.A. TEST TO PROTECT THE MOTHER AS SHE HAD THE SOLE POWER TO DO THIS BEING OVER THE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE LIMITATION. THIS BETRAYAL BY THE DAUGHTER HAS SHATTERED FATHER AND SHOCKED PEOPLE WHO KNEW HOW HE HAD GIVEN UP HIS LIFE FOR HIS DAUGHTER.
- 38) FATHER HAS NO LEGAL RIGHTS OR REDRESS IN ANY MANNER SHAPE OR FORM TO OBTAIN THE REQUESTED PATERNITY D.N.A. TEST AS THEY ARE BOTH ADULTS AND NOW NOT EVEN TO PROTECT HIS WILL OR ESTATE THAT HAS NOW BEEN THREATENED BY THE DAUGHTER.

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- 39) THE MOTHERBY HER VERBAL STATEMENTS
"THAT IF HE'S FOOL ENOUGH TO THINK THAT THE CHILD IS HIS
LET HIM HAVE HER" AND THE MOTHERS TOTAL LACK OF CARING,
INTEREST OR SUPPORT OF THIS CHILD OVER THIRTY FOUR (34)
YEARS AND NOW DUE TO THE SHOCK PATERNITY D.N.A. TEST
REFUSAL ARE LEFT TO HAUNT THE FATHER WHO CAN NOT GET
THE D.N.A. TEST CARRIED OUT, FOR HIS OWN PEACE OF MIND
"NOW" DUE TO THE PATERNITY D.N.A. TEST REFUSAL AND THE
FACT THAT HE WAS GRANTED A DIVORCE AGAINST HIS THEN
WIFE ON THE GROUNDS OF HER ADULTERY BY THE SUPREME
COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
- 40) THE D.N.A. TEST WAS PROFESSIONALLY PROPOSED TO
HELP THE FATHER UNDERSTAND AND DEAL WITH THE EXTREME
CRUELTY DIRECTED TOWARDS HIM BY HIS DAUGHTER
AS SHE MATURED AND TO TRY AND RESOLVE MATTERS WITH HIS
ESTRANGED DAUGHTER. THE D.N.A. REFUSAL NOW RAISES NEW
QUESTIONS OF PATERNITY.
- 41) SURELY EVERY FATHER AND CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO
KNOW THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THEIR PARENTS FOR HEALTH
REASONS IF FOR NOTHING ELSE AS THE UNITED NATION STATES
"THAT EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW THEIR TRUE
PARENT".
- 42) IN THIS CASE THE FATHER NEVER RECEIVED ANY SUPPORT
FROM THE MOTHER AND AS FATHER RAISED THE
CHILD FULLY ON HIS OWN NOR DID HE RECEIVE ANY SUPPORT
FROM COMMUNITY WELFARE, SOCIAL SECURITY OR
GOVERNMENT HOUSING DEPARTMENTS FORCING THE FATHER
INTO CONSTANT FINANCIAL DURESS FOR THIRTY FIVE YEARS THE
ONLY SINGLE PERSON TO HELP THIS FATHER AND HIS DAUGHTER
WAS HIS AGEING MOTHER.

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- 43) IN VIEW OF THE FACT THE FATHER WAS GRANTED A DIVORCE AGAINST HIS NOW EX WIFE ON THE GROUNDS OF HER ADULTERY IT SEEMS UNJUST THAT HE CAN NOW DUE TO THE EX-WIFES ACTIONS NOT HAVE A D.N.A. TEST CARRIED OUT BECAUSE HIS EX WIFE AND DAUGHTER ARE ADULTS AND OVER THE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE LIMITATION FOR PATERNITY D.N.A. TESTING THAT IS AN OPTION ONLY IN THE FAMILY COURT WITH NO OTHER LEGISLATION AVAILABLE FOR THE FATHER OR CHILDREN TO ACHIEVE PEACE OF MIND.

N.B. THERE IS NO LEGISLATION FOR ANYBODY TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEIR WILLS AND ESTATES FROM BEING CONTESTED ONCE A CHILD IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE EVEN IF WILL IS CONTESTED BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON THERE IS NO LEGISLATION AVAILABLE TO USE PATERNITY D.N.A. BY A BARRISTER FOR THE DEFENCE OF YOUR WILL AND ESTATE.

- 44) THE FATHER HAS WRITTEN TO THE HON MR JOHN HOWARD PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, MR SIMON CREAN LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, HON MR BOB CARR PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES, HON MR STEVEN BRACKS PREMIER OF VICTORIA, HON DR GEOFF GALLOP MLA PREMIER OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, HON MR COLIN BARNETT MLA, SENATOR SUE KNOWLES LP, JANN MCFARLANE MP, MR JOHN QUIGLEY MLA, WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ON THE 2ND AUGUST 2002 IN SEEKING PUBLIC SUPPORT TO CHANGE LEGISLATION AS PATERNITY D.N.A. TESTING (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH GENETIC MODIFICATION) IS THE FUTURE AND SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO ANY AGE OR GENDER FOR REASONS OF HEREDITARY HEALTH PROTECTION AND PEACE OF MIND FOR FAMILY AND IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN WHO ARE NOW ASKING MORE THAN EVER BEFORE "ARE YOU REALLY MY DAD"???

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45) IN THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY, FAMILIES NEED PROMPT BODY RECOGNITION AND RELEASE IN CASES OF DISASTERS PARTICULARLY OVERSEAS SUCH AS THE BALI TRAGEDY AND TO OFFER OUR CHILDREN ADDED PROTECTION FROM CHILD THEFT AND THE HONESTY AND SECURITY OF KNOWING WHO THEIR TRUE PARENTS ARE AND A LIFE OF PROTECTED GOOD HEALTH PLANNING THAT PATERNITY D.N.A. TESTING OFFERS US ALL AND FOR SETTLEMENT IN PATERNITY CASES OR A LEGAL DEFENCE AGAINST THE NOW INCREASING CHALLENGING OF WILLS AND ESTATES AS ENCOURAGED EVEN BY LEGAL AID IN THEIR BROCHURES.

46) WHY DO I SHARE ALL THIS WITH YOU. TO SHOW YOU GENDER IS NOT AN ISSUE IN PARENTHOOD AS A GOOD PARENT OF EITHER GENDER IS CAPABLE OF ALTRUISTIC LOVE FOR THEIR CHILD.

EQUAL RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH GENDER CREATES GOOD SHARED PARENTHOOD THE NEGATIVE GENDER ISSUE IS AN ISSUE ONLY RAISED BY THOSE WITH AN ALTERNATIVE MOTIVE, A HIDDEN AGENDA OR LIVING IN THE PAST AS WE ALL MUST BE GIVEN EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN GOOD SHARED PARENTHOOD.

THE FATHER

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"THE NEW VISION TO SAVE OUR CHILDREN"
"SHARED PARENTING - EDUCATED PARENTHOOD".

The item "Altruistic Love - Parenthood" has been shared with you so you may see "Parenthood" is not about gender as both genders are equal. Gender has nothing to do with good educated Parenthood once both genders have been given the same education and opportunities.

Bias gender issues are obsolete, old news we must move forward into responsible educated Shared Parenting better Parenthood for our Children's sake for they are the Silent Victims for who is there for the Children in a Parent Separation?? Who listens to the Children's broken hearts and emotional needs in a family breakdown. Just maybe their views should be considered???

The above item "Altruistic Love - Parenthood" has also been shared with you as it is a documented insight to thirty five (35) years of the life and ever so common outcome and heartbreak of a sole - single parent and the psychological damage done to single parent children by a cruel system that must be dismantled and a New Vision of Parenthood through a new understanding and education of our school children as to what the responsibilities are of getting married and Shared Parenting.

May I ask how many of you knew all you should have known before you signed that Marriage Shared Parenting Certificate and binding Legal Contract???

To summarize this item The New Vision - Shared Parenting - "Educated Parenthood - to save our Children" and to assist you I have listed some of what I have observed by the following bullet points and yes several items you may feel do not fit under your jurisdiction, however the bullet points indicate the start of a package for "New Vision Shared Parenting - Educated Parenthood" of the future.

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1. Blood types should be on your Birth Certificates then your Drivers Licences for your benefit.
2. The "Guthrie Blood Test" on every child born in Australia and taken when three (3) days old is their Coded Private Paternity D.N.A. and as Coded information can only be obtained by the Owner therefore does not affect an individuals Privacy.
3. Recommendation from the Family Law Conference held in August 2002
Recommendations were:-
 - a) Paternity D.N.A. should be made easily available to those who need it.
 - b) Paternity D.N.A. should be kept at an affordable price in Australia for those who need it.
4. The reason for raising the above Item No: 1, 2 and 3 is for the sake of good Parenthood and for our Children in the World we live in today for Hereditary Health Protection also for Health Protection in the areas such as Breast Cancer, Asthma Diabetes and so on.
5. In addition to Health is the safety factor for Children by Paternity D.N.A. helping protect our Children from Child Abduction a growing fact we must all come to grips with and face as part of good "Parenthood" closer Relationships and Friendships as in Shared Parenting creates openness and honesty that is also brought about by Paternity D.N.A. at Birth that then gives choices about Shared Parenting that protects our Children.
6. Shared Parenting protects our Babies, Children and Teenagers from Child Sexual Abuse from both Male and Female Paedophiles that's right Female see B.B.C. TV Documentary 250,000 Children abused by Females (transcript available). Sadly good Shared Parenthood is needed to protect our Children and Teenagers.

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7. Educated Shared Parenthood is needed to stop the huge emotional and psychological damage we are doing to our Children as:-
- a) The Absent Parent Syndrome.
 - b) Child Alienation of a Parent Syndrome.
 - c) Boyhood Orphans (Men with Absentee Fathers).
 - d) The Mother Power.

Items C and D are by famous Child Psychologist Tony White available at 136 Loftus Street NORTH PERTH WA 6006 Telephone No: 08 9328 8993
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8. Who would want to see all of our little children holding onto their Non Custodial Parent's ankle screaming, crying and pleading with no chance of understanding or knowing why a Legal System blindly demands they must go at the end of the little child's access period of what four hours in fourteen (14) days.

Who on this Committee wants to see that?? If you did you would never get over it if you loved, cared and had a true honest heart for Our Children.

Who on this Committee would want to see the look on a little child's face when their Non Custodial Parent does not turn up to see their child on every second Sunday the normally allocated day for the few hours access granted to see their Child, because unknown to the Child the Non Custodial Parent is suffering with Deep Despair or Depression brought on by the sudden unexpected rejection of a sudden marriage breakdown or by the ongoing intimidation of the Custodial Parent and embarrassment by the Custodial Parent in front of the Children of the Non Custodial Parent.

Or by having their life time dreams and focus on raising a happy family shattered and being plunged into a life of poverty after paying out excessive amounts of Child Support (a factor that a child does not understand) leaving the Non Custodial Parent totally humiliated at not having any money left to spend on their Child.

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9. Educated Shared Parenthood programmes would stop such cruelty to the Child and the possible start of "Child Alienation of Parent Syndrome" within that Child, the Child of the intimidating Non Custodial Parent if the Custodial Parent was educated as to what they are not only doing to their Child but in fact could be setting themselves up to suffer the full hatred of that child in the future when that Child gets older and rebels. They would never act in such a cruel fashion.

N.B. It must be stressed at this point that a most sincere loving single - sole Custodial Parent can also become the Victim to "Child Alienation Syndrome" by their Child when no matter what that Loving Caring Custodial Parent does it is never ever seen as good enough for the Child as the Child must block out the Altruistic Love of the Custodial Parent to justify the Idolization, the Fantasy of the "Absent Parent" by the Child.

10. The ever popular "Lock Out System" of one parent over another without prior knowledge must be stopped.

An Educated Supported Shared Parenthood Family System would stop this sudden cruel act of cutting one parent off from the Children by just employing a locksmith to change the locks to their home.

11. We all need to become aware of our three simple to follow ego states "The Parent" ego state, "The Adult" ego state, "Our Child" ego state to enable us to automatically recognize our behaviour towards one another and to open up a form of communication that is void of stress, saves marriages and gives us a totally new insight into Child Behaviour as Parents.

It is as simple as A.B.C. or 1,2,3 to learn our ego states behaviour patterns and should be taught to everybody via an A4 Folded Brochure or to all students in a few hours. It would save marriages and give each Parent an insight to Child Behaviour before that behaviour got out of hand placing unnecessary stress within a Family.

Many simple books are already available that explain our three simple to understand ego states the easiest under "Transactional Analysis" for Parents and Students.

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12. A Shared Parenting Programme within a marriage would open up a new world of options within a marriage so the reason we hear so often "I want to end the marriage now for I want to pursue a career" could be no longer an excuse to end a marriage but be an extension of that marriage as a Shared Parenting Support Programme would assist in this transactional period and why should one parent want to take on the full role of Custodial Parent and stay home in this day and age of electronic automatic washing machines etc. etc.
13. Why should they not share the responsibility of good Parenthood and a career. A good Parent needs a break from the Children so why not Shared Parenting, Shared Employment roles.

On the other hand why should one Parent carry all the stress of being the Sole "Bread Winner", Sole Stress of being Employed and keeping that job in the modern world long term employment no longer exists. It has become the era where both parents must share the employment family income role and not solely left to the Government of the day to support financially by supplying automatic pensions for broken marriages and in doing so be seen to be approving Marriage Breakdowns and Family separations.

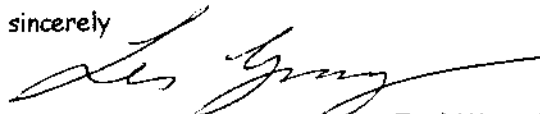
14. Governments of the day must also stop being seen as supporters of family breakdowns by financing young Children to leave home.

Governments would be doing a better job if they stopped the simplicity of automatic easy hand out pensions to people who have not first been to proper Marriage Counselling and taken part in a Shared Parenting Educational Programme.

Please advise of any further details you require relating to any of the facts mentioned above.

I thank the Chair and the Committee for taking the time to read our comments.

Yours sincerely



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I WAS THERE.

- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU WERE BUT A DREAM.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU WERE BORN.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR VERY FIRST BREATH.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU HAD YOUR VERY FIRST CRY.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR FIRST YAWN.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU DID HAVE YOUR VERY FIRST SLEEP.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU SAW YOUR VERY FIRST DAWN.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU LIVED YOUR VERY FIRST DAY.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR FIRST STEP.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU TOOK YOUR FIRST FALL.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU NEEDED LIFTING UP.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU NEEDED THAT SPECIAL HUG.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU HAD YOUR VERY FIRST BIRTHDAY CAKE.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU NEEDED TO LEARN THE GOLDEN RULES.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU WERE ILL AND NEEDED THAT EXTRA CARE.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU WERE IN TIMES OF DESPAIR.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU DID SO WEEP.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU HAD YOUR FIRST HEART BREAK.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU HAD YOUR VERY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU RAN YOUR FIRST RACE.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU DID SO LAUGH.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU NEEDED SOMEONE ON YOUR BEHALF.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU DID GET UP AND GROW.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU DID LEARN TO DRIVE THE CAR.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU GOT YOUR FIRST CAR.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU WANTED TO GO.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU WENT FROM HOME.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU FLEW AWAY.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU SUDDENLY NEEDED ME.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU NO LONGER CARED ABOUT ME.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU DID MAKE MY HEART BREAK AND GRIEVE.
- ❖ I WAS THERE WHEN YOU DID NOT KNOW.
- ❖ I WAS THERE FOR YOU ALWAYS.
- ❖ I AM YOUR PARENT.

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"SOMEONE YOU TRUSTED"

SOMEONE YOU TRUSTED
LETS YOU DOWN
AND OH WHAT PAIN TO BARE

YOUR FAITH YOUR LOVE YOUR SECURITY
YOUR LIFE YOUR DREAMS NOW MUTE DESPAIR

BUT FRIEND IN SPITE OF ALL THE
PAIN, HEARTACHE AND TEARS
IT HAS COST

THE ONE WHO BETRAYED YOU MY FRIEND
IS THE ONE WHO TRULY LOST

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men improve their
lives and to give
men***

***"A NEW FOCUS"
enabling them to
improve their
Relationships.***

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- Absent Parent Syndrome
- Child Parent Rejection
- Gaining Self-esteem
- Communication skills
- Self Improvement
- Know that You do Belong
- Healthy Relationships
- Happier Marriages
- Marriage Fulfilment
- Life Fulfilment
- Learn to Love and to be Loved
- Stop Wasteful Games
- Learn not to be a Victim

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He has many years experience helping people with addictions, anxieties, borderline personality disorders, low self-esteem, and in many other areas such as loss and grief.

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The Horse Welfare Society
Keep Australia Beautiful.

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**What is expected of Men
TODAY??**

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"I DID NOT CHOOSE"

I DID NOT CHOOSE TO BE A VICTIM

BUT I SURE AS HELL

WON'T REMAIN AS ONE.

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"UPDATE"

D. N. A. TESTING WOULD STOP PATERNITY FRAUD.

**THERE IS NO LEGISLATION IN AUSTRALIA FOR MEN TO SEEK
LEGAL RECOURSE IN PATERNITY FRAUD ONCE A CHILD REACHES
EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE.**

10% to 40%

**OF MEN PAYING CHILD SUPPORT ARE PAYING
FOR SOMEBODY ELSE'S CHILD.**

88.2%

**OF ALL
BIRTHS OUTSIDE MARRIAGE
JUST ACKNOWLEDGED BY MEN**

**SOCIETY AND THE FAMILY LAW ACT HAVE MADE IT THAT NEITHER MEN NOR
THE FAMILY LAW COURT CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO JUST ACCEPT THE
GUESS WORK AS TO WHO THE FATHER REALLY IS AND NEED AUTOMATIC
D.N.A. PATERNITY TESTING PREFERABLY AT BIRTH AND THE EIGHTEEN YEARS
OF AGE LIMITATION THAT PREVENTS MEN FROM OBTAINING D.N.A. TESTING
BEING CARRIED OUT BE REMOVED, THEREFORE GIVING MEN THE SAME PEACE
OF MIND THAT WOMEN HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF AUTOMATICALLY KNOWING
THE PATERNITY OF THE CHILD. LEGALLY MEN MUST BE PROTECTED FROM
BECOMING THE INNOCENT PARTY TO "PATERNITY FRAUD" AND THEN THE
VICTIM FORCED INTO PAYING CHILD MAINTENANCE AND LEGAL ISSUES THAT
AFFECT THEIR ENTIRE LIVES INCLUDING THEIR WILLS.**

**MEN MUST BE GIVEN LEGAL RIGHTS TO SEEK D.N.A. TESTING WITHOUT THE
FAMILY LAW COURTS EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD AGE LIMIT SO THEY CAN PREVENT
THEIR WILLS FROM BEING CONTESTED AND ACHIEVE PEACE OF MIND.**

**N.B. REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REQUIRE A D.N.A. TEST
BEFORE THEY CAN REMOVE A MANS NAME FROM A CHILDS BIRTH CERTIFICATE
BEFORE THE CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY WILL EVEN CONSIDER STOPPING FALSE
CLAIMS MADE ON A MAN FOR CHILD SUPPORT.**

"D.N.A. BEFORE YOU PAY"

D. N. A. TESTING WILL BRING HONESTY INTO PATERNITY ISSUES.

**WHAT GREATER GIFT OF LOVE COULD A LOVING MOTHER GIVE A
LOVING FATHER THAN THE D.N.A. TEST OF THEIR CHILD.**

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