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Subject: THE RICHARD HILLMAN FOUNDATION SUBMISSION -- Inquiry into exposure draft of Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005

House of Representatives

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

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Richard Hillman Foundation Submission.

Do the draft ammendments reflect ' Every Picture Tells a Story ? '

Yes, and that's why the reforms will fail to help children and non-custodial families.

Quite simply the draft ammendments do not have the capacity to stop the greed and cunning of the people who feed of this system.

Just like before, policies and proceedings will be changed and manipulated for more of the same.

How many court orders have you seen / heard were enforced ?? False Allegations?

Suicides .?

The Prime Minister's big questions :

The Liberal Party have argued that they would jump at the chance to fix Family Law, if only they could.

Now the Liberals can, as they have the numbers in both houses. Will the Liberals honour their promises to fix Family Law ?

A presumption of 50/50 time is required in the body of the act. www.jointparenting.org.au

Do the Prime Minister and Liberals want to fix Family Law, OR win the next election.

The dilemma is this; should the Prime Minister fix Family Law, unemployment could blow out.

There is already growing discontent with the proposed Industrial Reforms.

Increased umemployment could be fatal.

Family Law is big business. For a Federal Government investment of approx \$3 Billion in The Family Court + The Child Support

Agency + Legal Aid, the economy generates between \$10 - 20 Billion depending on whose figures you use.

Therefore the question is : CAN THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY STAND TO LOSE \$ 10 - 20 Bill. just for a few high risk kids, unhappy families and suicides ?

MUTUAL OBLIGATION : Would it be too much for the public to ask that each member of parliament declares which research they based their vote on in this very important social issue ?

THE SOLUTION :

Could the committee explain to the Richard Hillman Foundation which problems generated by Family Breakdown could not be fixed by :

1. A presumption of 50/50 Joint Parenting TIME in the body of the act.
2. The Family Court and Child Support Agency having a zero tolerance of false and misleading statements.
3. All government agencies, subsidiaries and their agents being responsible for ' duty of care ' to their clients - ie. the children and families involved in family breakdown.

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