

1. PLEASE DON'T INSULT 90% OF THE POPULATION BY IGNORING THE OBVIOUS.

Insert clause to read '**50/50 shared parenting time**' instead of '**joint responsibility**'

2. Insert a clause that the courts shall consider it a **serious offence, punishable by imprisonment for any person or parent to remove a child from the other parent** (including their normal place of residence) without that person's expressed written permission or a final order of a court with family law jurisdiction, except in the cases of **proven violence**.

3. Where cases have been already been before the courts under the existing family law Act 1975 and no successful contraventions have been before the courts and no proven substantiated risk posed to children during the period that the court orders were in operation, then these cases shall be given first priority to go for "shared care" without having to use the Family Relationship Centres (FRC's). No mention has been given to the existing 750,000 cases (based on CSA figures) in Australia to date. The onus of proof (disregarding all sudden new allegations of abuse violence etc.) as to why shared care should not be implemented should lie with the current resident carer.

4. **Training for judicial officers** before members of the public to ensure accountability. Yearly vote-in by public. The courts are a national disgrace, and are worse than the politicians' indifference to fixing the problem in the first place.

5. Include **parental alienation syndrome in the definition as a very serious form of abuse**.

6. Make enough **funding available to AFP together with new a Family Law perjury branch** within the AFP to fully prosecute with the purpose of jailing offenders in accordance with s35,36 of the 1914 crimes Act (Cth) at least 10 parents/other persons per year in each year in each state and territory if really interested in fixing the problem.

7. For serious offenders, make provisions for courts to request non-offending parties if they would like to care for the children whilst the other parent serves time in prison and/or earns enough money to pay penalty – that way the child(ren) won't be financially put out "in the best interests of children of course". Side by side with this, all parenting payments, child support payments go directly to non-offending parent/person until such time as payments are fully paid for prison sentence served.

8. All service providers shall **only publish gender neutral materials and act in a gender neutral way** be subject to public scrutiny on a confirmed three

strikes and ~~out basis~~ same rules apply to false allegations to protect genuine employees. [the LFA realises that this is a very difficult task for the government but can provide examples of sexual discrimination to assist here]

9. Delete the word 'financial' as a form of abuse (eg CSA SA/NT makes good parents poor in SA through instant debts and earning capacity decisions)

10. Define abuse as **proven** court ordered abuse only.

11. Evidence: retain the sworn affidavit evidence. We cannot allow hearsay from 'hired guns' to ruin lives, and they do so under threat of prosecution in the witness box.

12. FRC's to provide examples of **properly constructed court orders** so that contraventions can be more easily brought about. Eg no "as agreed between parties" clauses to appear in orders. Must specify the particulars necessary to bring convictions such as the exact date/time/place etc. The LFA-SA can assist here.

13. FRC's to provide **educational courses for women and children also about how to stop being violent** and not to attempt to control or emotionally abuse their ex-partners in breakdown situations.

14. FRC fees same for earners & non-workers.

15. Courts to make declarations that parties have made false and misleading statements (perjury) in their documents and in witness box

16. Maintenance: courts to widely review CSA decisions on a fresh start – not limited to severely restricted reasons in current CSA legislation. Ability to order CSA Registrar to repay over collections.

17. Courts to consider **charging CSA Registrar with making unwarranted demands as a commonwealth official** for unreasonable CS assessments/ liabilities/collections/payments and arrears/ issuing of Deportation Orders.

18. **Real Costs**: courts to consider psychological costs/ loss of jobs/ loss of house/ legal fees/ traumatic stress of grandparents etc for false allegations of abuse.

19. Include children from overseas cultures, not just aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

20. **Yearly review** including written invite to all parenting groups 6 months in advance.

NOTE: THE 3 WEEK TIMEFRAME TO RESPOND IS AN ABSOLUTE DSGRACE

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