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Dads in Distress Inc would like to express its complete and unified support for the current submission and points raised by the Shared Parenting Council Australia regarding the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005. In particular, the following seven key issues .

- Issue 1 is s65DAA "equal time or substantially equal time"
- Issue 2 is 60B – The objects section needs a minor addition
- Issue 3 is s60 I (8) (b) (iii) The word "Proven" and "Serious" has to be applied
- Issue 4 is s61DA is that the notes should be moved outside of the Act itself
- Issue 5 is s61DA (1) is the note should be removed
- Issue 6 is S61 DA (2) (b) The word "Proven" and "Serious" has to be applied
- Issue 7 is 68F – Unjustified relocations / move-a-ways has not been addressed

Dads In Distress Inc feels that the slight alterations proposed by the Shared Parenting Council Australia above will take much-needed and noteworthy steps towards fulfillment of the best societal concerns of any culture:

- 1: The improvement of the over-all emotional and developmental welfare of Australian Children
- 2: A general and encompassing augmentation of the quality of their Family Life.

The specific statements and definitions of the alterations proposed are available from the Shared Parenting Council Australia submission which represents our position to the Attorney General's Department. Dads in distress Inc would further bring to your attention the following:

The issue of unjustified relocation has been omitted from the bill and should be added.

The word "Proven" along with "Serious" added to issue 3 & 6

The strengthening of contact enforcement options around continual breaches.

In simple terms "Give the legislation some teeth". The legislation needs to be clear and precise and not able to be manipulated by those within the system as in the past.

Dads in distress Inc take this opportunity in congratulating the government on producing ground breaking legislation that will lead the world in delivering dads back to their children. Thank YouTony Miller
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