

**Submission  
No 1**

**INQUIRY INTO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRENDS AND  
ISSUES IN NSW**

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Partially Confidential

I was regularly assaulted by my ex-partner, I have now moved to Queensland. She has admitted to viciously biting me in several affidavits but maintains it was my fault as I was walking away from a verbal argument. The police despite me having an intervention order refused to press charges against her once she had provided the Family Court a sworn admission. I was assaulted regularly but there is nowhere for men to go and no one really cares anyway. She was found to have internationally abducted our sons' in 2008 and has been repeatedly accused of child abuse yet the system takes no action against her and continues to allow her to have access to our sons'. I will seek permission from my lawyers with regard to providing the documentation of this but I can now provide proof of the abduction which is, in and by itself a severe form of domestic violence and child abuse. Unfortunately there is little justice for male victims of DV nor protection of their children with us being labelled as only perpetrators never victims. There are a lot of male victims that simply don't come forward and why would they, they get ridiculed and degraded even by those who are there to protect.