

**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE *FAMILY LAW*  
*AMENDMENT (SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY)*  
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Firstly, I am deeply concerned that this Inquiry is being exclusive - ie that men are not also included. If the bias of this inquiry is to be removed and a balanced approach taken that is fair and just then the inquiry would be looking at the impact on families and not be inclusive /exclusive depending on gender. Its hypocritical of the Government and particularly the Attorney Generals department who claim to be the watchdog on matters of discrimination and yet to be so blatant one eyed on issues around broken families. They foolishly push the agenda of many tax funded feminist groups with the urban myth that men particularly fathers are violent animals.

2. I would question what is the real agenda of this inquiry as it appears to me to be a tax payer funded sham. From my own experiences with the Family Court and many other fathers there is not a chance in hell that an established violent father would ever be given contact with his children by the Family Court. It is hard enough for any father to win minimum contact of one or two days a month without the slightest suggestion that they are violent, so to have an inquiry to look at the new amendments and the impacts on women and children smacks of some sort of political game to win votes for the next election.

3. Why isn't the inquiry looking at the impacts from a child's perspective and a child's right to have the involvement of both parents in their lives. The way that children are treated by the Family Court and those that benefit from the misery they inflict on children is nothing short of child abuse. If the inquiry wants to do some social good it should change its focus.

4. I propose that this committee look at abolishing AVOs and put more resources to the police so they can use Criminal law to control those people female and male who are violent toward their partners, ex-partners and children. AVOs are a joke. The discriminatory way they are issued only to women and with no supporting evidence or independent witnesses to back up any allegation they make and yet they fail to give either men or children any protection at all.

5. AVOs should be available to all those who have a genuine need and not just a lawyer's dirty trick to get mothers sole custody of their children in the Family Court and to deny fathers custody or access based on vindictive and malicious lies.

6. Violence needs to be properly defined in plain English and given means that only lawyers can manipulate for their own greedy ends.

7. Physical & Sexual violence is real and factual violence.

Other forms are a perception to an observer and should not be allowed.

8. Exclusion of men from this inquiry can only make the final outcome biased, uninformed and discriminatory - which I suspect is exactly the outcome the Government wants.