

To whom it may concern THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,

I have been involved in the family law system for twelve years and have witnessed the government, family law and family courts fail to protect my child's human rights.

They have not stopped the custodial parent or deterred the custodial parent from interfering and eventually destroying my relationship with my child.

They have not stopped or recognised the effects on my child from the mother causing psychological abuse.

My child has mental health problems at the age of twelve because the system wouldn't listen to a father who was trying to protect his child.

It is a system of biased and arrogant people who don't protect our children.

A system, where children are denied a relationship with their father.

A system where children's human rights to be protected from mental abuse, is failing them.

### **In reference to Article 9 (1) of the CRC**

Every day in Australia this is being violated by custodial parents.

Mainly mothers who are withholding visitation and a meaningful relationship with the child from the father.

Out of spite and hate. Also for more child support.

The family court in Australia also enables and contributes to the destruction of a meaningful relationship for the child with his or her father.

If there is conflict, the family courts current action is to remove the father or the parent who isn't causing conflict and leave the abuser with the child.

This doesn't protect the child from the abuser and also contributes to the child having mental health issues from losing contact with the other parent. (Mainly fathers).

**In reference to Article 9 (2) of the CRC**

During proceedings the views of the father are dismissed.

I was told I wasn't qualified to have an opinion on my child's welfare.

The evidence isn't reviewed properly or investigated and an assumption is made in the child's best interests without any questions being asked.

**In reference to Article 9 (3) of the CRC**

The family court actually enables the loss of connection and doesn't maintain a connection with both parents for the child.

The family court does nothing to enforce or encourage that the child has direct contact with both parents.

**In reference to Article 12 (1) of the CRC**

The children's rights aren't being protected because the family court isn't taking into consideration that the child isn't old enough to understand the complexes of family separation and adult issues.

That the child has been brainwashed, psychologically abused or alienated against one parent.

If the child has been alienated against the other parent their decision making and views are clouded and therefore useless as evidence as how to proceed with the best interests of the child.

There isn't qualified people in the family courts to properly evaluate whether the child's opinion is their own or one of the parents.

### **In reference to Article 18 (1) of the CRC**

The family courts aren't protecting the child's rights to have both parents involved in the development and upbringing of the child.

They don't enforce the custodial parent to include the other parent in major decisions and welfare of the child.

The custodial parent blocks and stops any involvement by the other parent in the child's upbringing.

It is a safety and welfare concern for the child, as the other parent isn't involved in any medical, schooling and the child's day to day needs.

If the child's welfare is at risk, the other parent doesn't know because they are shut out from the child's life.

### **In reference to Article 19 (1) of the CRC**

Family law and the family courts have failed the children of this country in protecting them from abuse.

Psychological abuse or mental abuse is out of control in Australia and our kids are suffering.

We will have generations of adults with mental issues and generations of children without fathers in their lives.

PARENTAL ALIENATION is a major problem in family law and around the world; it is mental abuse to the child.

The family courts are failing to recognise it and protect children from its affects, which are long term.

The laws are failing to protect the children and there needs to be a more concise wording of what constitutes mental abuse to children, so there is no denying it.

The parents committing mental abuse also need to be punished by law.

**In reference to Article 19 (2) of the CRC**

There needs to be professionals and protocols put in place to evaluate when a child is suffering from mental abuse.

There needs to be protocols in place to evaluate whether parents are committing mental abuse on the child.

There needs to be severe punishment put in place to deter parents from causing mental abuse to the child.

The child needs to be taken off the parent who is committing the abuse for a period of time, for treatment and safety concerns.

In the family courts, mental abuse of children needs to be more thoroughly investigated.

Regards

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