

✓ "Striking the balance; women, men, work & family" for the sex discrimination unit - Human Rights - Equal Opportunity Commission.

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My name is Margaret Williams of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I am a wife, mother + Nanna to 5 grandchildren. I have been through divorce myself + have known lots of people who have been through divorce. I am totally disgusted the way men are discriminated against in the family law courts + at Child Support.

My son had a situation when he was assaulted by his partner, he rang the police in Pt. Lincoln S.A. they came out to the house + did nothing about it. If it was he who assaulted her he would have been charged. They ended up breaking up he was paying a huge amount of child support for his 2 kids which he did not mind paying if the money was used for the children. All the stress + worry about the children knowing she was mentally abusing them, not allowing them to speak or see him unless she got her way. Finally he saw them 2 mths ago + found out his daughter was getting extra food on her plate so her older brother had more food to eat.

- There are so many cases where men are depressed + feeling close to suicide because of lack of being treated with no equality + discriminated against because they are men.

My parents were broken hearted when they missed seeing two of their grand-daughters grow up

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Believe me there are some fathers + some mothers who the children may be better off without.

I strongly believe there needs to be something done quickly to change child support + family law attitudes towards men.

Fathers should have equal rights to their children.

Grand parents also suffer through divorce.

Children need their fathers as much as their mothers.

Thank you
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