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Secretary:

Please consider the points below as my contribution to the committee's inquiry.

1. It takes two people, each with their own unique contribution, to create a life.
2. Surely in God's scheme of procreation, each of those two people is required to play an ongoing role in the continuing development of normal, well-balanced and happy children.
3. Surely if the procreational process requires two persons of opposite sex to interact then it must also require those same two people to provide the complementary aspects of guidance, support and love to the children created from their union irrespective of the living arrangements of each partner.
4. Surely the requirement for the presence of one parent does not terminate with the completion of the sex act or at some other arbitrary point in the relationship, which is beyond the control of one of the partners involved.
5. We live in fluid times where our daily lives change constantly due to both internal and external influences. If we, as human beings, were not able to adapt to these changes then surely our kind would have perished many thousands of years ago. Our children are human beings and therefore it follows that they are also able to adapt to these same changes, especially in the family situation, in order to survive.
6. It is not natural for children to be brutalised by being denied the love of one parent especially when this goes against a child's wishes and needs. They are being denied the love that they have known, cherished and come to expect from the moment they were born.
7. It is neither natural nor fair for children to grow up barely knowing one of their natural parents because of the cruel and often inhuman tactics of the other.
8. It is a sad fact of life these days that relationships end all too easily but why should children, the innocent victims, suffer from the ravages of being wrenched from the loving support of one parent based on the faulty, biased and misguided Family Court process.
9. Our children are being used as weapons to inflict pain, suffering and hardship on one partner by the other, not for the benefit of the children, but to ensure that the maximum emotional and financial pain is inflicted on the non custodial partner.
10. The Australian Government is criticised mercilessly by the media, the UN and pressure groups from around the globe over refugees however we see not a word about the thousands of refugees created every year by the unjust Family Court system. Isn't it time we applied some humanity and compassion to this very badly broken situation.
11. Why can the interaction of a father with his children in the lounge room be without issue when there is a father and mother living under the same roof suddenly be seen as "disruptive" and "not in the best interests of the children" when that same lounge room may be geographically just a few hundred metres away.
12. We must accept that the best interests of children are served by them having equal access and being free to obtain love and support from both parents.
13. The process of perjured Domestic Violence orders must be stopped and those that perpetrate these fictitious instruments should be punished to the same extent as other similar crimes.

14. Similar punishment must be meted out to those who blatantly defy court orders concerning child access to non-custodial parents.
15. Of course we must never endanger these children by putting them into a situation whereby they are exposed to an adult with PROVEN violent or abusive tendencies.