

ATTENTION: ROYAL COMMISSION

Family Violence should be treated as seriously as murder, paedophilia or cannibalism. It affects everybody.

I am a mother of ■ children. My eldest does not live with me because I had to send her to go live with my father to save her. My husband had threatened to kill her if I don't get rid of her. But not before threatening to kill my unborn child if I didn't marry him, whom was conceived through rape. As was my ■ child.

It's been ■ years. On renewal of my Family Violence order, I was given ■. Great. A piece of paper. Because at the end of the day it is. I live in fear EVERYDAY. I fear for mine and my children's safety. I am certain I suffer from Post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety as a result of what my husband subjected myself and my children too. I want a divorce, but I can't afford to. I want to change my children's names so he can't find them. But I need his permission to do so. And if a court grants me the change of name without his consent, he can still find out what I have changed their names too.....RIDICULOUS.

Family Violence education needs to start from primary school, if not before. People need to be taught that any type of abuse is BAD abuse.

The law also needs to punish those guilty more harshly. Because the slap on the wrist isn't enough. No one really pays attention until someone is murdered.

And can we not forget about US. The victims. The children. No one can give me good reason why I, as my children's mother, don't have the right to protect my children, in a name change and sole parental responsibility 100%, with a ■ year Family violence order in place. Tell me why I can't protect my children!!!

I could type so much more. But I won't. If the Royal Commission would like, I could present Affidavits, Police statements and all family violence orders, for the Royal Commissions viewing. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to talk to me further in regards to what myself and children have been through and are still going through. I will do what is needed to try and stop this abuse which is like an infectious disease in our community.

Kind Regards

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Torn and scarred, BUT NOT BROKEN