

PETITION

Safety for women and children in family law

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

This petition of certain citizens of Australia calls for a rejection of the presumption of 50/50 shared residency being the starting point of all negotiations for child contact and residency in the Family Law Court. This parenting arrangement has not been found to be ideal or practical for most families, and is actually dangerous in cases where there is entrenched conflict, child abuse or domestic violence.

We, the undersigned, call upon the Federal Government and the Family Law Court to improve the safety of women and children by

- Ensuring that the best interests of the child are held up in the Family Law Court above the rights of a violent parent.
- Guaranteeing that women and children, especially those suffering domestic violence, have access to legal representation.
- Implementing a rebuttal presumption of no contact when there are allegations of domestic violence and child abuse.
- Legislating a presumption of safety in the Family Law Court.
- Implementing processes within the Family Law Court that screen for domestic violence and child abuse.

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Please mail (not fax) the completed petition to the NSW Women's Refuge Resource Centre:
Level 1, 619 Elizabeth St, Redfern NSW 2016. For more information on the campaign call 02 9698 9777.