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## Submission acknowledgement - Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System

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## JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S FAMILY LAW SYSTEM

3 April 2020

Mr Trevor Cooper

By email: [trevorcooper.author@gmail.com](mailto:trevorcooper.author@gmail.com)

Dear Mr Cooper,

### **Inquiry into Australia's Family Law System**

I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of your submission to the above inquiry, and to advise that it has been accepted by the committee, pursuant to the Inquiry Protocols (attached) as a confidential submission. Your submission **will not** appear on the committee's website, instead the word '**Confidential**' will appear next to the **number 820** which has been allocated to your submission. We **will not** be providing your submission to anyone on request.

The committee understands that submitters may have questions about the processing of submissions. The committee's website has a 'Statement on Submissions' and 'FAQs – Submissions', which provides further information on the processing of submissions.

Your submission is protected by parliamentary privilege. Parliamentary privilege refers to the special rights and immunities attached to the Parliament or its members and others necessary for the discharge of the parliamentary functions without obstruction and fear of prosecution. This means that you cannot be prosecuted or disadvantaged because of anything you have

provided in evidence, or because you gave such evidence. If you believe that anyone has disadvantaged you in any way as a result of the submission you have made, please advise the Secretariat.

Please note, you should not release this submission without the approval of the committee. **The unauthorised disclosure of a submission is not protected by Parliamentary Privilege.**

The committee is required to report by **7 October 2020**. A copy of the report will be loaded onto the committee's website and may be accessed at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/Family\\_Law\\_System](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Family_Law_System).

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Thank you for your participation in this inquiry. Should you require any further information concerning the committee's inquiry, please contact the committee secretariat on [familylaw.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:familylaw.sen@aph.gov.au) or on (02) 6277 3439.

Yours sincerely

*(sent electronically)*

Ann Palmer  
**Committee Secretary**

## Protocols for submissions and hearings

The Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System (committee) has agreed on the following protocols in relation to submissions and hearings.

### **Submissions**

- Submitters may request that their submission be accepted by the committee as confidential.
- Any submission that identifies parties, makes allegations of domestic violence or contains adverse reflections will be accepted by the committee as confidential.
- Submitters may request that their submission be accepted as name withheld. The committee may publish these submissions provided that there are no adverse reflections against identified persons.

### **Hearings**

- A range of individuals whose submissions reflect the spectrum of issues and views will be invited to discuss their submissions with the committee. It should be noted that the committee can only hear from a limited number of witnesses, and that written submissions are the primary source of evidence to be considered by the committee.
- Witnesses invited to a committee hearing may request that they are heard by teleconference.
- Witnesses may also request that their evidence be heard in camera or confidentially.

**Safety.**

· While Parliamentary proceedings—including committee inquiries—are generally public, the committee is mindful of the need to ensure the safety of witnesses. Accordingly, appropriate arrangements will be instituted for public hearings.

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