



Shared Parenting Council of Australia

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PRIME MINISTER APPLAUDED FOR TAKING DECISIVE ACTION TOWARDS SHARED PARENTING FOR CHILDREN

The Shared Parenting Council of Australia congratulates the Prime Minister, John Howard, and the Federal Government for taking decisive action in launching the proposed House of Representatives Inquiry on Shared Parenting, Federal Director of the Shared Parenting Council of Australia, Mr Geoffrey Greene said today.

"With today's announcement, the Howard Government has recognised that addressing this issue will provide major benefits for the welfare of children of separated parents and for the wider Australian Society.

"With over 1 million Australian children now living away from one of their parents, primarily as a result of current Family Breakdown policies, the proposed inquiry could not have come soon enough", Mr Greene said.

The Shared Parenting Council of Australia is a representative body of various children's, father's and church groups across Australia, and has been formed to lobby governments for legislative change to protect the rights of children who are the subject of parental separation or divorce.

"Over recent days, the Shared Parenting Council (SPCA) has received overwhelming support for this important social reform from mothers, fathers, grandparents, 2nd wives and also from a range of other social and employee organisations such as the Trade Union movement.

"The children of separated parents, who up until now have been denied proper access to both their parents, will surely thank this government for its decisive action to restore equity, balance and fairness for the good of Australian Society", Mr Greene said.

"This is not a father's rights or mother's rights issue. This is about arresting the devastating outcomes for children that have resulted from over 25 years of failed Family Law policies.

"The SPCA looks forward to making a positive contribution to this debate in the coming months ahead", Mr Greene said.

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