

ONE IN FOUR OF US

“The Numbers and The Costs”

Summary of findings

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The world will now know, that after forty years of enduring legal oppression, an estimated one in four of the civilian population are deprived of the protective contact of their biological family, while the cost to taxpayers is more each year than we spend on the whole of our annual defence budgets. Waging war on ourselves in this way is made possible using oppressive legal systems, which are destroying millions, costing billions, offer no improvements, and ignore alternatives.

Fundamental human rights principles dictate, that any legal system which ambushes the most vulnerable of a nation’s citizens and crushes the life out of their human spirit, does not deserve a place in a civilized society and should never be tolerated by any civilized Nation-State.

Yet, by ignoring the devastating consequences of just such a legal system and tolerating the brutal impact of Family and Child Protection Laws, we collectively turn a blind eye to:

1. The pressing need to ensure Protective Contact occurs between Children and Families ¹
2. The big picture data on Family Violence victims ²
3. The 70% of suicides containing a Family Breakdown predictor ³
4. The phenomena and number of socially radicalized children in single parent households ⁴
5. The total number of citizens denied Protective Contact with their families ⁵
6. The total economic and social costs of Family Breakdown and Child Protection⁶
7. The extremely poor quality and interconnected nature of a myriad of child removal Policies, Laws and Practices, which act as a catalyst for crippling health, social and economic outcomes ⁷
8. The millions who self-medicate on drugs and alcohol, with a Family Breakdown predictor ⁸
9. The 63% of teen suicides ⁹
10. The 70% of juveniles in State-operated institutions ¹⁰
11. The 71% of high school drop-outs ¹¹
12. The 75% of children in chemical abuse centres ¹²
13. The 85% of all youths in prison ¹³
14. The 85% of children who exhibit behavioural disorders ¹⁴
15. The 90% of homeless and runaway children ¹⁵
16. The number of Children taken into out-of-home care by State agencies ¹⁶
17. The State removing Parental Rights and assuming authority over the Nation’s Children ¹⁷
18. The existence of vital 21st Century Child Protection alternatives ¹⁸

Without a thorough understanding of the evidence, the truth remains elusive.

The 40 year total = the sum of the annual number of people denied Protective Contact.

6	Million AUS =	150,000	per year are added and the same number drop off the radar
9	“	CAN = 225,000
16	“	UK = 400,000
81	“	USA = 2,025,000
112	“	Total = 2.8 Million	people who are added to the accumulated total each year.

It is important to recognize that according to Government statistics, children account for approximately 30.7% of above numbers.

The estimated annual taxpayer funded Family Breakdown and Child Protection cost in A\$:

Subject to changing population and exchange rates, the estimated cost of Family Breakdown and Child Protection each year, when measured in **Australian Dollars**, is calculated to cost the following countries the amounts shown, based on the approximate size of their 2018 population. Please note these amounts do not include the large amounts of private funds extracted from embattled families, or a country’s lost production costs resulting from the economic, physical and emotional exhaustion, suffered by those ambushed by the system.

Australia	=	\$ 53.0	Billion annually
Can	x 1.5	=	\$ 79.5
UK	x 2.75	=	\$ 145.7
USA	x 13.5	=	\$ 715.5
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Total in AUS Dollars		\$ 993.7	Billion annually

Is it possible that such staggering costs are justifiable? Are there perhaps some encouraging signs of an evolving pattern of improvement? **It seems not!** After 40 years, there is not a single sign of any reducing trend in any of the following disturbing Family Breakdown related areas:

- Child and Family Removal numbers
- Family Breakdown costs and numbers
- Family Violence numbers
- Family Breakdown related Suicide numbers
- Socially Radicalized Children numbers
- Self-medicating Drug and Alcohol abuse numbers
- Deaths, injuries and neglect in Custody and in Single Parent household numbers

So the question that remains unanswered is: **Who exactly are the beneficiaries of a system, which destroys millions, costs billions, offers no improvements, and ignores alternatives?**