

A fair and equal society for boys and men?

Males have much higher illness, injury, accident and death rates and die 5 years earlier than females, yet research funding for male health is less than one-third of that for female health

Males suicide at almost four times the rate of females. More males kill themselves each year than the entire Australian road toll

More than twice as many males as females experience work-related injuries and illnesses, and over ninety percent of work-related deaths are males

Young men are three times as likely as young women to be victims of violence, however, there are no public health campaigns to address this very serious issue

Men are also victims of intimate partner abuse, however, there are no support services for these men, nor treatment services for abusive women

Boys in Australia are much more likely to drop out of school than girls. In NSW, the difference between boys' and girls' average Tertiary Entrance Rank is almost 20%. Males currently make up just 37% of university graduates

In Australia today, only women have reproductive rights. Upon becoming pregnant, a woman can choose to have the baby, or have an abortion, or put the baby up for adoption. A man has no choice whether to become a father or even to be notified that he has become a father

Men are more likely to be convicted and receive longer sentences for the same crimes, compared to their female counterparts

Following family court proceedings, children are far more likely to be given little or no time with their father than they are with their mother

The current inequitable parental leave schemes, favouring mothers, reinforce fathers in the traditional 'breadwinner' role rather than supporting them as being 'hands-on' dads (which all the research shows gives better outcomes for children and their parents)

These are some of the issues up for discussion at a Community Consultation Event to be held on February 5th with the new Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick. Information collected from this consultation will be used to inform the agenda for her 5 year term.



Tuesday 5th February 2008, 12.00pm to 2.00pm

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