Subject: [Review of the Family Law System] ALRC Contact Form Submission (Sent by Emily Schindeler)

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I note having read the Review Issues Paper that it fails in anyway to acknowledge a critical FL system issue. In no place does it deal with (a) the problem of false allegations in custody disputes and the impact on the innocent target of such accusations or children (b) the lack of any deterrent for making false accusations, particularly when using protection orders under such pretenses. The presumption in the Issues paper is that the ‘guilty party’ is always the accused and the lack of systemic protections against such cases. (c) It only tangentially considers the basic issue of expert witnesses and evidence vs opinion.