



# Domestic Violence & Family Law Support Network

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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEGAN MITCHELL, THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER**

## ***Re: SUBMISSION***

The Domestic Violence & Family Law Support Network (DVFLSN) is writing in response to the call for submissions – Children's Rights in Australia.

In particular the DVFLSN would like to address the General Principles identified in Cluster 3.:

- Non-discrimination (art. 2)
- Best interest of the child (art. 3)
- Right to life, survival and development (art. 6)
- Respect for the views of the child (art. 12)

Please find attached our submission report identifying our views addressing the issues of Cluster 3. General Principles as we see them being NOT progressing in terms of implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our submission report identifies both of criteria outlined in the call for submissions:

- By reading the 2012 Concluding Observations and specifically commenting on the extent to which Australia has progressed against them over the past five years.
- Using the clusters identified by the Committee to comment on Australia's progress or lack of progress in achieving specific rights.

Should you wish to discuss any of the views identified by the DVFLSN as outlined in this submission we can be contacted via email on [admin@dvflsupportnetwork.com](mailto:admin@dvflsupportnetwork.com); alternatively, you can contact the writer on the mobile number as detailed below.

Sincerely,

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*Director, Volunteer & Support Network*

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