

Chief Justice Alistair Nicholson is on record as saying that child abuse cases should not be heard in the Family Court.

I have to agree. The Court is ill equipped to make decisions about children's safety.

Judges are experts in law: not in child abuse or child psychology. Lawyers likewise.

It is laid down that the primary concern of the Family Court Judge has to be the best interests of the child. From the dozens of cases I have seen while waiting in the Family Court, I can tell you that they've lost the plot. Child protection isn't happening.

Unfortunately, I can't identify myself or my child because of the secrecy surrounding Family Court cases.. Secrecy that can hide bizarre decisions from the public. Secrecy that enables Judges to hand children to their abusers knowing that they can't be sued for their mistakes or the damage they might cause. If they had to be accountable, how different things might be!

The father was granted continuous access and, subsequently custody of the child.

Interestingly, the Judge described his sex offending as "trivial" and irrelevant.

There have been numerous reports to the Child Abuse Helpline that my daughter has been physically, sexually and emotionally abused and neglected by her father and sexually abused by her half-brother. FAYS will not act because the case is in the Family Court.

My child is one of the many who have fallen into the gap between Federal and State Governments.