

## **Media Release**

## **Tears for our Children**

Today, Tuesday 16 August 2011 is National Marriage Day, a day to celebrate the joy of marriage and the natural family.

Unless you and I begin to promote marriage and the natural family with events like <u>National Marriage Day</u> Australia will soon face the societal disintegration currently being experienced in Great Britain and it won't be good.

Peter Osborne journalist from the UK Telegraph in his <u>article</u> about last week's riots may have some of the answers: "The last two decades have seen a terrifying decline in standards among the British governing elite... It is not just its damaged youth... but Britain itself that needs a moral reformation".

Melanie Philips from the <u>UK Daily Mail</u> points out that powerful elites many of whom are "ultra feminists" have waged a war on marriage and fatherhood in Britain for 3 decades. Last week's riots are a prime example of the success of their policies.

Tragically the same thing is happening in Australia. Congratulations have flowed to the well known radical feminist <u>Penny Wong</u> and her lesbian partner on the impending birth of her partner's new baby. But where are the tears for the child who will grow up without her father in the home? Where are the tears for the fatherless children who will one day occupy 70% of the capacity of our already overcrowded <u>goal system</u>?

Where are the tears for the fatherless children who medicate their father-wound through self destructive alcohol, drug, porn and sex addictions and who will in many cases end up taking their own life.

What do Australians want more than anything else in life? David Chalke, opinions researcher from Quantum tells us what Australians really want - and it's not a carbon tax. More than anything Australians want a good marriage. 83 per cent of Australians view marriage as their greatest accomplishment.

Sadly in spite of the wishes of the Australian people who place heterosexual marriage as their number one accomplishment in life the current Gillard-Green coalition government seem hell-bent on destroying the natural family, fatherhood and marriage both by example and legislation.

The current rollback of our Shared Parenting laws that will be enacted in the coming weeks by the Gillard Government are a prime example. These <u>new anti-father laws</u> will ensure that more children will grow up fatherless.

As Bob Dylan sang so many years ago "When will we ever learn?" Maybe the call by UK journalist, Peter Osborne, for "a moral reformation" in Great Britain is much needed in Australia before similar evils also overtake us.

Editor's Note: This is a copy of a speech given by Warwick & Alison Marsh, founders of Dads4Kids, at the National Marriage Day celebrations, 16 August 2011, Great Hall Parliament House, Canberra. The full article from which this speech is taken can be found at <u>Online Opinion</u>, 16 August 2011.