



Dear Member of Parliament

The New Zealand Father and Child Society works to bring awareness of issues relating to men and families. Further information about our organisation is available on our website at: www.fatherandchild.org.nz

This society would like to know the views of your political party in this respect and offer the following questions as pointers.

We appreciate your time in considering this matter. Please direct answers to: coordinator@fatherandchild.org.nz

1. What programs would you promote, to
 - a) Get more father involvement in schools and pre-schools?
 - b) Reduce the tragic suicide rate where over $\frac{3}{4}$ of cases are men?
 - c) Promote Male input into government run agencies and social services?

2. What are your policies on...
 - a) Joint parenting in - and outside of a residential relationship?
 - b) Paid parental leave for fathers as a separate entitlement?

3. Do you believe that...
 - a) Publicly funded support services for parents should be equally accessible to both parents and encourage the involvement of fathers as well as mothers?
 - b) Family law and the family court adequately recognize violence by women to men and children?
 - c) Current legislation sufficiently protects men from false allegations?
 - d) The current system of child support is fair?
 - e) Fathers who are obstructed from having a full relationship with their children should still have to pay child support?

4. Should DNA paternity testing at birth be routinely available? Is it acceptable that paternity can be established by a court without use of DNA evidence?

5. What message would you have for young men today?