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RUTH RUSSELL – SENATE CANDIDATE

Ruth Russell's response to the Hon Dennis Hood's (Family First MLC) Private Members Bill.

"I have an innate repugnance to the idea of legislating violence towards children and so using my favourite search engine I looked to find academic transcripts on the morality of smacking children. Well, what a shock! It seems there are many people, who not only happily hit their children, they are so proud of it they brag about it online.

Then there are those who get some sort of perverse gratification out of it!

Suffice it to say there is *no* moral ground which justifies an adult using violence against a child.

Maybe popular culture 50 years ago condoned smacking children but surely we are more enlightened now and able to raise our children without abusing them" says Ruth Russell



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