



Marriage and Parenting

Sadly, Marriage has been redefined in Australia, and AC maintains the union of marriage of should be between a man and woman.

Throughout the world for millenia the traditional family has been the foundational unit of society and the basis of a nation's strength. The natural family begins with the unity of one man and one woman who in the words of Theodore Roosevelt are stronger when they possess a 'fearless acceptance of their common obligation to the children that are theirs'.^[1]

Families are the strength of our nation and parents, whether mums or dads, deserve to be recognised when they choose to stay at home to care for their young children. Families should be protected and strengthened, since they are the primary grouping in which the future generations are nurtured.

To achieve a more equitable outcome for single income families, Australian Christians supports giving them a genuine choice regarding child-rearing. Detailed policy will be released here.

Australian Christians supports strategies to restore the importance of fatherhood and turn the tide of fatherlessness in Australia. Development of mentoring programs for men and boys would be encouraged, as would the promotion of positive images of fatherhood in the media, the community and the school curriculum.

Australian Christians supports pre-marriage education for all couples.

Australian Christians understands that domestic violence is a major problem and further deteriorates families, whether it be physical, sexual or emotional abuse or other forms of control, and whether it be perpetrated by males or females. We will campaign to have better protection put in place for victims and to promote policies that assist in building a culture where violence is unacceptable.

Australian Christians seeks to promote strategies that will improve mediation outcomes between separated or divorced parents. We support a system of mandatory mediation as the method of achieving agreement among parents and children on how the family relationships will be restructured following divorce.