Consultation on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

About you
Individual

1  The Bill’s general principles

1.1  Do you support the principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill?
— No

1.2  Please outline your reasons for your answer to question 1.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

A loving smack is not child abuse. The two things are a work apart. To ban smacking would be to ‘throw the baby out with the bath water’. A smack given in love, ie with a genuine desire for the child’s good, is an essential form of discipline.

1.3  Do you think there is a need for legislation to deliver what this Bill is trying to achieve?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

No

2  The Bill’s implementation

2.1  Do you have any comments about any potential barriers to implementing the Bill?
If no, go to question 3.1

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2.2 Do you think the Bill takes account of these potential barriers?

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3 Unintended consequences

3.1 Do you think there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill? If no, go to question 4.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Criminalisation of loving parents. If the child is then taken off the parents, all parties will suffer - parents, children, society.

Distraction to police etc dealing with genuine child abuse cases.

4 Financial implications

4.1 Do you have any comments on the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum)? If no, go to question 5.1

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5 Other considerations

5.1 Do you have any other points you wish to raise about this Bill?

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