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)

The law already protects children from violence. To describe a loving smack as violence is completely misleading.

It appears ridiculous that the Welsh Assembly are still considering this issue, especially when a 2017 ComRes poll found that 76 per cent of Welsh adults were against criminalising smacking, whilst only 11 per cent were in favour. Surely this is a good indication of how the electorate feel about the issue.

We must remember that children are not adults and must be shown the dangers they face before they are able to understand the dangers that they will face in their lives. Smacking is used to warn children of dangers and should not be a criminal offence otherwise it could jeopardise the children’s safety.

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

No

2.2 Do you think the Bill takes account of these potential barriers?
   (we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

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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)

No

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

No

5 Other considerations

5.1 Do you have any other points you wish to raise about this Bill?
   (we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

A waste of tax payers money even considering the bill.