

# The State of Family Law in Australia & Predictions for the Future

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# Major Inquiries & Reports into Family Law

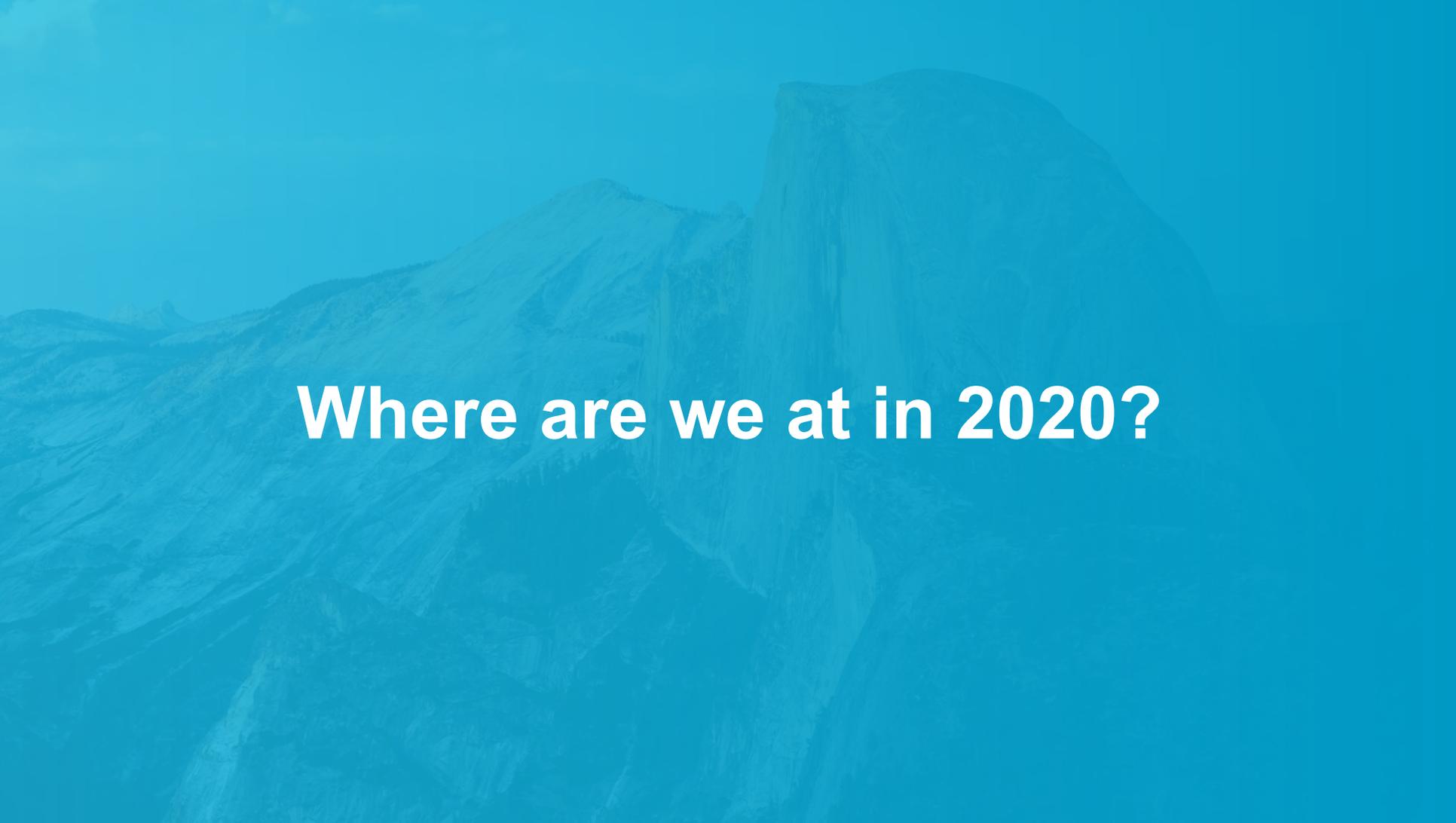
## ...completed in the last 5 years

1. Families with complex needs and the intersection of the family law and child protection systems: Interim and Final Reports (Family Law Council, [2015](#) & [2016](#))
  2. A better family law system to support and protect those affected by family violence (House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs, [2017](#))
  3. Direct cross-examination in family law matters: Incidence and context of direct cross-examination involving self-represented litigants ([AIFS](#), 2018)
  4. Children and young people in separated families: Family law system experiences and needs (AIFS, [2018](#))
  5. Family Law for the Future – An Inquiry into the Family Law System (ALRC Report 125, [2019](#))
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# Major changes to the Family Law Act

## ...in the last 20 years

- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) [Act](#) 2001
  - Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) [Act](#) 2006
  - Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) [Act](#) 2008
  - Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) [Act](#) 2011
  - Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Cross-examination of Parties) [Act](#) 2018
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**Where are we at in 2020?**

# Current Inquiries & Bills before Parliament

1. Family Law (Self-Assessment) [Bill](#) 2019
2. [Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System](#)
3. Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia [Bill](#) 2019
4. Family Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provision) [Bill](#) 2019
5. Family Law Amendment (A Step Towards a Safer Family Law System) [Bill](#) 2020

# Current Initiatives

PPP500

Discrete Property List

Lighthouse Project

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**Questions?**



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