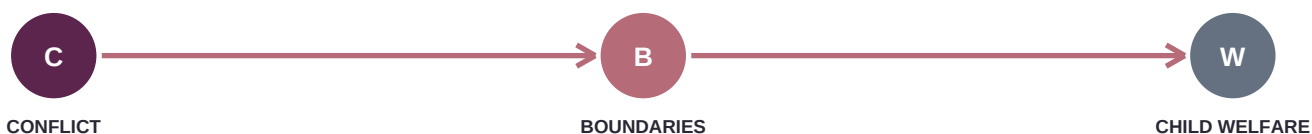


# CUSTODY DISPUTES BEING INTENSIFIED BY ONLINE CONTENT



## WHY IT MATTERS

Public family content can become relevant during disputes between separated parents, particularly where disagreements concern a child's privacy, welfare, online exposure or parenting decisions. The legal significance of particular posts will depend on the circumstances and jurisdiction, but broadcasting family disagreements can also intensify conflict and place children in the middle of adult disputes they never chose to join.



### KEEP CUSTODY CONFLICT OFF SOCIAL MEDIA

Public accusations can escalate disputes and expose children to unnecessary attention.

### FOLLOW COURT ORDERS AND AGREEMENTS

Online posting should comply with relevant legal restrictions or parenting arrangements.

### PROTECT THE CHILD'S PRIVACY

Adult disagreements do not justify revealing a child's personal information.

### DON'T DELETE MATERIAL WITHOUT ADVICE

If proceedings are underway or anticipated, seek advice before altering relevant material.

### GET APPROPRIATE FAMILY-LAW ADVICE

Rules and significance vary according to jurisdiction and circumstances.

### CONSIDER PAUSING CHILD-FOCUSED POSTING

During serious disputes, reducing public exposure may help protect the child.

### DON'T USE CHILDREN TO SEND MESSAGES

Children should never become messengers or appear in content attacking another parent.

### REMEMBER PUBLIC POSTS CAN BE EXAMINED

Online material may potentially become relevant in legal proceedings.

### KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF ADULT ARGUMENTS

They should not be encouraged to publicly choose sides.

### PUT THE CHILD'S WELFARE FIRST

Reduce conflict and protect the child rather than trying to win an online argument.

## BOTTOM LINE

**A family vlog should never become another battlefield in a custody dispute, with the child trapped in the middle.**