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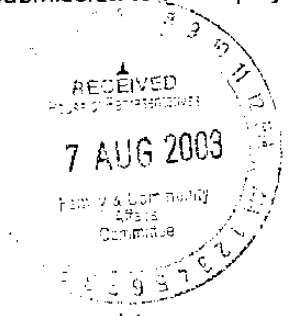
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**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 August 2003 3:03 PM

**To:** Committee, FCA (REPS)

**Subject:** Attention: Submission to the Inquiry into Child Custody Arrangements



21 Beahan Place  
Cherrybrook, 2126.  
6th August, 2003.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in regard to your upcoming decision on child custody issues.

Having recently had family involvement in parent separation I wish to express my views on factors that should be taken into account following separation.

I support the idea of rebuttable presumption of joint physical custody after separation to deter parties from undermining joint physical custody by relocating.

I believe the law should put the onus on the party that wishes to relocate to prove there are compelling reasons for the relocation that the relocation is in the best interest of the child/children.

If one party chooses to relocate the sole custody should automatically revert to the custody that remains in the original location the child/children have been raised.

The only circumstance that the presumption should be rebutted by a parent is the proven circumstance of abuse.

If joint physical custody is introduced, both paternal and maternal grandparents with established relationships with the children, will be able to continue to develop relationships with the children.

Regards,  
Anne Hoolahan

