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SUBJECT: CHILD SUPPORT.

THE PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM ARE NUMEROUS AND AFFECT ME AND MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY IMMENSELY. THE ONLY ANSWERS THAT YOU GET ARE THATS WHATS LEGISLATED WELL WHAT WORKED BEFORE DOESN'T WORK. NOW IT IS CRIPPLING TO PEOPLE TRYING TO GET ON WITH THEIR LIVES MY WIFE AND CHILD ARE AFFECTED BY IT AND THE ON GOING FRUSTRATIONS I WILL ENDEAVOUR TO PUT THIS IN POINT FORM BUT THIS WILL PROVE DIFFICULT.

① A SINGLE MAN WITH NO WIFE/DE
FACTO PAYS THE SAME MAINTENANCE
FROM DAY ONE OF LIVING WITH
A DEFAC~~T~~O/WIFE SHE NO LONGER
RECEIVED SOLE PARENT PENSION.
THIS MEANS I AM SUPPORTING
HER I HAVE DONE THE GOVERNMENT
A FAVOUR BUT THERE IS NO RECOGNITION
OF THIS SUPPORT, FOR HER OR HER
3 CHILDREN.

② I HAVE ONE CHILD UNDER 13
THEREFORE I PAY LESS MAINTENANCE
BY \$34.70WK WHY IS IT SO OUT OF
BALANCE THAT MY DAUGHTER IS WORTH
\$333.50 WK

THERE IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN
ALLOWANCES AND PERCENTAGES. A
SYSTEM WOULD BE A REDUCTION THAT
IS ALSO A PERCENTAGE I.E 9% TO 9%
OR 10% TO 8%

③ I ALSO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
THE MAXIMUM CHILD SUPPORT INCOME

AS IT INCREASES BY A MULTIPLYING
FACTOR OF 2.5 THIS IS FAR IN
ADVANCE OF INFLATION IN FACT THE
CURRENT INCREASE FROM \$13,542 TO
\$119,470 MEANS ON 18% I WILL PAY
AN EXTRA \$1067 THIS YEAR.

④ MY WAGE IS APPROX \$63,000
BUT THROUGH SHIFT WORK ALLOWANCES
AND OVERTIME I HAVE BUILT ON
THIS TO APPROX \$120,000

ONLY THIS HOUSEHOLD WITH MY
WIFE AND SON ARE AFFECTED
BY THIS AND SHOULD NOT BE
TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION FOR
CHILD MAINTENANCE

GIVE THIS HOUSEHOLD A FAIR CHANCE
TO DO WHAT WE WANT WITH EXTRA EARNINGS

⑤ MY WIFE DOESN'T WORK DUE TO
MY LONG AND INCONVENIENT HOURS
AND THE NATURE OF MY EMERGENCY
WORK. THEREFORE I CANNOT BE
RELIED UPON TO PICK UP MY CHILD

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FROM SCHOOL ETC.

⑥ TRAVEL LAST TIME I LOOKED INTO THIS I WOULD HAVE TO SPEND MORE THAN 5% FOR A REDUCTION IN MAINTENANCE IE OVER \$6000 FOR ME TO FIND THIS SORT OF EXTRA MONEY I WOULD HAVE TO EARN AN EXTRA \$18,000 WHICH YOU WOULD WANT MORE OF NEXT YEAR

⑦ My DAUGHTER NOW 9 WAS CONCEIVED IN NSW AND HER MOTHER TOOK OFF BACK TO WA WHILST IN VERY EARLY STAGES OF PREGNANCY, I HAD NO SAY IN ANYTHING SUCH AS NAMING, ETC THIS WAS A PREGNANCY JUST TO SATISFY A LADY'S WISH AND PUT HER ON EASY STREET WITH A CHILD

I SHOULD NOT BE PAYING THE SAME MAINTENANCE AS SOMEONE WHO WAS MARRIED FOR EG. 15 YEARS AND A CHILD OF 12 YEARS

OBVIOUSLY IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP
REMEMBER I HAVE TO PAY FOR
FULL 18 YEARS

WHILST EVER THE LAW ALLOWS
WOMEN TO FRAUDIENTLY USE SPERM
TO BETTER THEMSELVES THIS WILL
HAPPEN

MAYBE IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS
A LOWER % SHOULD APPLY
AN EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY 9% AND 9%

⑧ I HAVE ALSO BEEN DISADVANTAGED
FROM MY LIFE CHILDREN WHOM I
HAVE SUPPORTED: NO AUSTUDY YOUTH
ALLOWANCE ETC.

ONE DEPARTMENT SAYS THEY AREN'T
MINE AND ANOTHER DEPARTMENT SAYS
THEY ARE UNDER MY ROOF SO MY
WAGES ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

THERE IS ANOTHER PROBLEM WHEN
HOUSEHOLD WAGES ARE TAKEN JOINTLY
INTO ACCOUNT AS A COUPLE WITH
JOINT EARNINGS OF \$130,000 WITH

\$65,000 EACH ARE FAR BETTER OFF THAN A COUPLE WHOSE EARNINGS ARE \$120,000 AND \$10,000

(9) WITH MY DAUGHTER LIVING IN WA I HAVE NO WAY OF JOINTLY SHARING CUSTODY IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY TO BE DAUGHTER WITH EDUCATION AND LIFE CHANGES BEING TO IMPRACTICAL

(10) MY DAUGHTERS MOTHER ALSO BELIEVES THAT I AM PAYING FAR TOO MUCH BUT YOU CAN ONLY HAVE AN AGREEMENT THAT IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE STATED AMOUNT

I HOPE THESE POINTS CAN BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE FUTURE AS I CAN ONLY LIVE IN HOPE THAT THEY CHANGE AS I AM OBVIOUSLY PAYING HEAPS TO PROP UP ALL THE NON PAYERS. THERE IS NO WAY I AM GOING TO CONTINUE

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WORKING AT THIS RATE I HAVE
LOOKED BACK ON THE PAST 9 YEARS
AND CANNOT IMAGINE WORKING LIKE
THIS FOR ANOTHER 9 YEARS

IN A FINAL NOTE THE FIGURES
FOR AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS WOULD
BE MADE UP OF OUTGOING CEO
PAYMENTS THAT ARE OFTEN REPORTED
AS HIGH AS \$4 MILLIONS DOLLARS
I DONT BELIEVE THIS MAKES A TRUE
INDICATION OF AN AVERAGE WEEKLY
EARNING.

THANK YOU [REDACTED]

SORRY 1 MORE POINT (11)

IT IS DISCRIMINATION TO USE 2 DIFFERENT
ANNUAL AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1 FOR
CASUAL AND 1 FOR PERMANENT AS SOME
CASUAL WORKERS CAN EASILY EARN IN
EXCESS OF WHAT PERMANENT WORKERS
EARN.