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To Whom it May Concern:

**SUBMISSION FOR A COMPLETE REVIEW OF CHILD SUPPORT**

My wife and I have been witness to our eldest son's marriage breakup after a period of twelve years. Our son and his ex-partner have two children a boy who is now fourteen years old and a daughter who is eleven years old.

We recognise that our grandchildren need child support in monetary terms however our son who has since remarried appears to be penalised because he is on a higher income and when he received an increase in salary child support increases the amount above what he is currently paying.

The terms of the divorce is shared custody and he has the children for 2 weeks a month and they are with their mother for 2 weeks a month.

We understand Child support is supplied details from the Australian Tax Office regarding what they are currently earning. It is our belief that Child support should not divulge the earning of each to either party.

My son's ex-wife appears to downgrade her job each time my son receives a rise and I am not certain if she is now working. So where is the incentive for the party who is on the lower income to return to work or apply for a higher paying job?

The other matter which concerns us is what my son's ex-wife is spending the child support money on. In our opinion this money is not being spent on the children.

My son has remarried, his wife has three children and two are under eighteen years of age and as a blended family they are very happy together.

We all recognise there are cost of living increases however the party with the higher income should not be penalised to the extent that they are.

The current situation appears to be that his ex-wife is receiving substantial payment from our son as though she has their two children 100% of the time when she only has them 50% of the time.

Child support should insist on receiving written documentation from the recipient which would indicate if it is being spent on the children.

Child support should not divulge the income received by either party to the other as their is no incentive for the party on the low income who may not be working to return to work.

The amount of Child support should be capped. The amount of child support should be based on the time each parent has the children.

Yours Sincerely