

I would like to see the Legal aid given to parents for family law matters to be repaid once the receiving parent can afford to pay it back (such as a HECS arrangement.) I feel this would do a lot to prevent parents using the free legal system to manipulate the other parent, who must pay off their own back, and forcing them to either accept a less than fair arrangement or having to make large financial sacrifices to see their children. This could also alleviate pressure on the court system and also save taxpayers money by a) having parents avoid the legal system and mediate; and b) have taxpayer funded legal fees repaid to the government.

I understand that this is not a simple thing to put in place but thought it may well be worth suggesting to help separated families move forward and provide the best environment possible for the children and themselves.

Regards,

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