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The Standing Committee on Family & Community Affairs

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Submission No. 65

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Secretary:

Dear Sir,

I am writing pleading with the Howard to give equal custody to both parents.

We are our Grand-daughters only grandparents & she is our only grand child. We & our son have had access taken away from us.

Our daughter-in-law left our son 6 years ago. In the beginning he had the usual access given by the Family Court "Joint Custody & Responsibility Contract".

After 4 years \$49,000 a man in legal fees Lois gradually restricted access, the child was never available, late, wanted her home early, as she was with other members of her family or friends, the little girl always did what her mother demanded. Lois would pick an argument with our son to upset Rachael before access. He & our son only had Rachael one Christmas Day, Rachael's birthday, her Father's birthday or Father's Day in 6 years. Lois would humiliate our son in front of Rachael at every opportunity even using her now defects to make scenes always in front of the child.

Alison Lucker Child Psychologist (who does work closely with Family Court) her exact words were Rachael

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a very artistic child she knew her mother did not want her to enjoy time spent with her father or ourselves.

Our son went back to Federal Magistrates Court for continuation of Orders not for more time only time appointed to him by the Family Court at settlement.

Our daughter-in-law succeeded in changing the Orders with the help of both a Barrister & Solicitor as our son could not fight any longer health wise or financial.

We spent 11 years of our grandchildren's life baby sitting, Kindergarten run, theatre etc. through one woman who is possessive & manipulative deprives a child of her father & only grandparents.

The mothers have control of the System both Child Support & Family Court & they use it.

It is the right of all children to have continuing involvement of both parents & grandparents in the child's care & upbringing.

Yours faithfully
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