

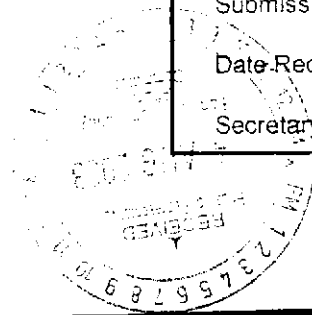
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To Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs
Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry
Department of House of Representatives
Parliament House Canberra, ACT 2600

4.08.03

Dear Sir,

I am forwarding the attached Three pages as my submission for your
Inquiry.

Signed Tony Dix

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Within this submission to the House of Representatives, Regarding the subject of Child Custody Actions and fairness to parties concerned.

Main Points in Brief:

My main points within this submission are based upon my own experiences at present.

Prime factors

1. Professional Ethics and Honest protocols en-actioned by the Child supported Agency
2. The Childs voiced wishes and preferences.

Relatives contact

If it is wished by the child and a secure amicable arrangement

Does the existing formula work?

No it definitely does not!

In my experience the Agency does not appear to want to disclose this information, as to what formula they use, just makes Decisions without accurate assessments.

The lack of Professionalism and ethics by the Agency, operated by a big wooden stick with no regard for those concerned, even the children that are supposed to be considered, are missing out. And certainly most of the Parents.

Is this why the suicide rates for divorced Fathers is so high?

Child Custody Matters due to Family Separation

[a] In The best Interest of the Child, Main Points of consideration are:

[i] Prime Factors:

1. Professional Ethics and honest protocols en-actioned by the Child support Agency
2. Parent's ability as a forthright Parent
3. Security in Lifestyle and Parental Supervision
4. Adequate accommodation
5. Ability to engage in schooling as needed
6. The Childs voiced wishes and preferences

[ii] Grandparents and Relatives Contact may be considered

1. If it has been a habit of the past
2. If needed to arrange supervision whilst parent works
3. If the Childs wishes are to be met

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[iii] Does the existing formulae work?

1. In my experience NO. the formulae en-actioned by the child Support Agency has been totally one sided. And the following facts are still in existence,
2. The Child Support Agency Methods are severely lacking in professionalism, and accuracy, in their entirety
3. At no time has the agency recognised the method I and my ex-wife are attempting to operate for the care of [REDACTED] which is a verbal 50/50 system until we can get my custody application heard before the magistrate, in this instance we would have all been better off if the Agency had **Not Intervened**.
4. At no time has any of my parenting skills or rights been taken into account by the Child Support Agency
5. At no time has my daughters stated wishes, to stay with me been acted upon by the Child support agency
6. At no time have any of my promptly replied letters been answered or acted upon in a satisfactory manner.
7. At no time have the agency verified my ex-wife's statements or mine to establish what is correct action for my daughters wellbeing
8. At no time has the agency visited in person, in any effort, to establish truthful facts.
9. At no time have I ever been approached for a means test
10. At no time has any considerations been given to my claims, before deductions were made from my bank account
11. At no time has the Agency ever acted upon the list of expenses I have given them in my letters which far out-weigh anything my ex-wife would have spent in the time considered.
12. At no time has the Agency enacted upon the obvious actions of my ex-wife who is obviously using my Daughter as a tool against me, personally
13. I am considering forwarding action to the appropriate Ombudsman for the militant and unprofessional actions and financial recompense and any legal cost that I have been incurring

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To sum this submission up:

A definite change needs to be made to the protocols that the Child support Agency are using and needs to be made more accountable for its actions.

Most definitely a basic system upon the basis of 50/50 care by either parents should/shall be the guideline . The present arrangement is not working

Signed Tony Dix

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