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Dear Sir/Madam,

Secretary:

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My submission is on behalf of my parents who are 70 and 80 years old and are systematically being robbed of the joy of their only grandchild.

The mother lives in Orange NSW and my daughter's grandparents live in Brisbane. After promising my parents that the mother and their grand-daughter would stay with them for a couple of days, on her only Queensland visit, she 'changed her mind' at the last minute and reduced them to a simultaneous visit with her girlfriend in another suburb of Brisbane. I pleaded with my ex not to do this to them after giving her word.

My parents were forced to accept the brief visit and say nothing knowing that she may cut off all possible contact between my daughter and her grand-parents.

This mother is not answerable to any higher authority and does whatever she wants whether it is in my daughter's interests or not.

I just hope the new laws might have some authority over Mothers and their behaviour, especially on matters relating to contact with grandparents, who seem to have no rights at all at the moment.

Yours truly,

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