House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs

RE; CHILD ACCESS AND SUPPORT WE NEED A CHANGE SUPPORT JOHN HOWARDS MOVE TO MAKE CHANGES

A GRANDMOTHERS STORY

I have three children two have suffered broken marriages.

My daughter was given custody of two of her three children (the elder child lives with her father and step mother) even though she (my daughter) is a drug addict. Her ex-husband pays her child support for these two children not a small amount by any means. She now lives with another partner who drinks smokes is violent and does not work they now have two more children. They live in squalor the two older children are not treated well at all. But she has custody ,and whose money is it they are living on .Should Fathers pay this money without some statement to tell whom it is being spent on.

My son has three children they live with their mother even though she has agreed in principle to 50/50 sharing of these children. She is using these children as pawns if you give more money you can have them, but then changes her mind and only offers them if she needs a weekend away. His 10-year-old daughter sends him mobile texts the only contact she has with him and tells him mummy is still thinking about when we can come and see you. They live in the next suburb so distance is not a problem

My son and his partner have a bedroom fitted out for each of his children and so much love to give but are not allowed.

That is seven grandchildren that my husband and I do not get to see and we are not alone, talk to any group of seniors and many will tell the same story.

I thought parenting in this day and age was supposed to be an equal playing field. This I fail to see looking at the Family Court System it thinks all Mothers are good and Fathers bad .I can assure you there are just as many bad Mothers out in the world as Fathers

PLEASE CHANGE THE LAW AND MAKE IT AN EQUAL PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL PARENTS

BUT PLEASE DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE FATHERS RIGHT TO HAVE D N A TESTS ON THEIR CHILDREN

Regards

