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Mr. John Howard, Prime Minister, Parliament House, CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600.

Dear Sir,

First of all I would like to ask a question. What has family life to do with politicians?

Our daughter has been married for 15 years and recently separated from her husband. They have two children but her husband became disinterested in her and the children. Eventually she discovered he had been having an affair for at least nine months with a much younger girl.

Our daughter and her husband have a daughter and a son and are you telling us that a father like that is someone his little son should associate with.

As far as sharing custody equally – there is school to consider as well as the children's activities. Why should they miss out when their father is still having a wild old time with the girlfriend and does not care if the children's home is taken away from them.

Our son-in-law is doing the 2 hour stint once a fortnight with his children and can hardly wait to get back to the girlfriend.

Every case is different and as politicians do not live in the real world they do not realise this. Let the courts decide.

I am probably wasting my time writing this letter. Just a slim hope someone will take notice.

Yours faithfully,

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