

To the Committee Secretary  
Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs  
Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry  
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Dear Committee Secretary:

I'm writing to you in regards to the Inquiry that you are currently holding into the fiasco of Child Custody arrangements. The following I submit will merely be of an adhoc conversational structure that is I'll say it exactly as I'm experiencing it and see it in society. I became aware of this Inquiry after having a meeting with my local Member of Parliament, Hon. Peter Slipper.

Firstly I'd like to say I don't have too much faith in the possible outcomes you may come to. Mainly due to the fact that I didn't hear any advertising of the committee and any meeting dates to be held in the communities.

What I tell you now is not merely my opinion on the disaster of family affairs we now have in society. I have had many discussions with both male and female about the issue of family affairs. A common comment I've heard and utilised is the reference made of Germaine Greer, and the damage she's done to society. These objectives weren't merely equal rights, which are justified, but to completely up set the point of equilibrium of male/female relations. Like all things in life, the exact outcomes and repercussions have been felt down the decades. Women have said to me that males no longer want a long term relationship, and males are saying they don't want to bust their guts to get ahead, just to loose everything in court. The later has happened to me, I'll discuss the repercussions of this.

I was married on the 12/01 and abandoned six weeks later, mid Feb/02. To say the least it became apparent that the whole marriage was a set up and con job. You would think I should have been less trusting of a girl that thought nothing of defrauding Centrlink (she has been reported, but nothing has been done about it, and I suspect nothing will) She was pregnant and went back to her mothers, raiding my premises whilst I was at work to steal (yes steal) most of my electrical appliances. I was basically told thanks for the sperm donation and see you in court. This was not just a one woman show, the mother more than played her part in events. What does one expect from a single mother who pumped out two schizophrenic half wits, to two different men, the die was cast. Like mother, like daughter.

As you can see, it takes experience to become aware of how disempowered the male in our society has become. I later was subjected to DVO and court case after court case.

I became a father on 10/02 and have had no contact with my son. I am no longer living in north Queensland and am unable to visit, even if I weren't threatened with being charged for breach of DVO, if I tried to contact. I am now unable to visit due to distance. I am not on the birth certificate, and now going through the daunting processes of DNA (where costs should be met by both parents, but aren't) and court cases to get my rights enforced. Although I'm not on the birth certificate I still pay child support. This merely enables her to keep me at a distance, while I save to commence court proceedings the child grows older and less dependant on me, the father for his sociological development. As you no doubt would be aware, you can see it's a brilliant ruse. Get married and sue in court for home maker (no legal bill-legal aid), have a child and stay at home on long term social security (single mothers pension) no bills because she stays at her mothers, where I might add all her previous wealth has been invested to hide her assets and financial value. Hopefully have

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another sucker in a couple of years, do the same trick. This eventually sees her through to pensionable age. I don't have to paint the scenario any further, if you can't see the method then there is no hope for honest men & women in Australia.

The off shoot repercussions of this happening is obvious. As you've no doubt seen in recent times, and add regrettably, women are being murdered, children murdered as a result of males spite towards vindictive/malicious/uncaring ex-wives or spouses. This is not an all out attack on females, there are scumbag males out there in society as well, and the only ones paying the price are the genuine individuals and especially the children. In our society, genuine men are not fathering children, (except those in genuine relations with genuine women) therefore the society shrinks and less people are available to perform work. Genuine females are opting for careers and desisting from paternal instincts, and the only ones breeding like rats (my ex-wives terminology) are the drug smacked, schizophrenic liars and dole bludging scum that the rest of society is keeping.

My point at this stage is that the incentive for females to do the right thing by their male compatriots has been eroded away. There is no need in striving to keep the family together, it's too easy to get a free ride, too easy to get the law to do their bidding, too easy to turn the male into a criminal, they've got custody of child from inception and the males are left out in the cold. The males are perplexed at this arrangement and feel that women are making a career out of having children to multiple fathers, gathering wealth at 18%(gross income) for the first child and so on. Well, what else has happened, the realisation of why have two or more children to one man? It's more financially beneficial to have one child to several different fathers and get 18 %(gross) from a range of varying income levels, than to get 27% (gross) for 2 children from one income, and so on for more children. It becomes economically viable for one mother to have a multitude of children to a different father each time she reproduces.

The male on the other hand feels, why bother risking a life of misery, running the risk of becoming the scape goat of women that potentially won't stand by her man because she's having a bad hair day. He runs the risk of not being able to sustain himself due to exorbitant rates of child maintenance. He now finds himself paying to keep two house holds. He still has to meet his own needs and expenses and the expenses of the ex-wives household. The rate of maintenance is in-equitable! By the time tax is paid and living expenses are taken out, there is nothing left of the average wage to put away for a rainy day, let alone holidays. It becomes, more often than not, that he can't even meet the financial requirements of paying rent. It becomes feasible then for the male to go onto social security or rely on the black economy by working for cash in hand! If he finds life far too difficult to bare, and his ex-spouse makes visitation of his children unbearable, he then becomes traumatized and starts suffering mental depression. This is when out of character incidences begin to occur, thoughts of murder, suicide etc. He also potentially becomes a burden on the economy by checking in for psychological help and becoming unable to work, hence the beginning of a downward spiral. Later in life when he's too old to work, he has no savings to buy a home or pay the rent, so remain on the social security to become a burden in the future!

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How is this issue resolved, simple! Remove the incentive for individuals to conduct themselves with such deceit. Both parents should be given equal access, if mature and sensible agreements cannot be reached, remove the child to Foster care until agreement is obtained. Remember in the Bible, King Solomon threatened to cut the infant in half because two women were arguing over who was the rightful mother (one of the mothers lost a child that died), the righteous woman is prepared to give the child away to ensure the child's existence, King Solomon then determined that only the rightful mother would conduct herself in such a way, and grants her custody. The child has the right to both parents. The child is going to be disadvantaged without the father or mother. There are always going to be instances (such-as mine) where the mother never has the intension of moving away from her home town, but the father has to move to find work. The father shouldn't be dissuaded from having his child for half the time, if he can organise child care and/or relevant services, in order for him to perform his parental/fatherly role, there is no reason for the father not to be granted half custody, except to make him the scape goat and to bare the whole financial burden! Whilst the child is with him, he foots the bill, whilst the child is with her, she foots the bill. Educational disturbance is going to be unavoidable unless custody is set at a year per parent (with right of visitation), the child automatically becomes disadvantaged when parents split anyway! Further down the track the child is going to make up their own mind who they want to live with. The current method doesn't give the child even the choice, only what so called do-gooders feel is right, this is also bias against the male! To cut the crap out here, I submit that a lot (not all) of child welfare agency workers are more concerned about the pay pack at the end of the week (apathy!), or completely understaffed and over worked! Rather than who is telling the truth, who is trying to do the right thing by the child, who has better moral values and principles, who will encourage the child to participate in life and grow up with a work ethic, and who will encourage the child artistically, morally, spiritually & philosophically. It is apparent that the whole issue revolves around whose paying (money), and who most has the ability to meet the financial burdens of raising the child, instead it should be which scenario best suits the needs of the child, is suitable to the parents and how can issues be resolved without having to resort to costly, inefficient and bias court cases. A 50/50 responsibility and custody scenario needs to be employed, regardless of where the parents are situated in Australia. This scenario will also dissuade women in the future having children for financial gain, and more males will stay in the economic system generating wealth and fulfilling services.

It will be a very bitter pill for society to swallow, at least those looking for a free ride, the alternative is simply ineffectual, which results in what we have now, males not seeking family existence and females pursuing careers, and a lot of unscrupulous women falling pregnant to several different men at differing times for financial gain. Future inbreeding also then comes into play.

As soon as a system comes about that involves money (like the current system), it is human nature to use which ever means at hand, to improve their own standing and living standards, in order to get a free ride through life. I didn't have statistics (Bureau of statistics) at hand whilst writing this paper, though I'm sure I don't have to highlight the problems we're now facing with divorce, single parenting, murder & murder/suicide, child sexual abuse, single men utilising sex professionals,

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long term social security dependency, alcoholism, drug addiction, the breakdown of morals, values, principles, common decency, discipline & respect.

If a man can't make a descent living for himself, he'll opt out of trying to do anything on the employment front to sustain himself, let alone support his child and ex-spouse (sad reality); the current system encourages systemic social security dependency. Approximately 75% of people under 30-35 (my generation) are single. HELLO, is anyone home?

Not every instance is going to be a cut and dry situation. There are certainly going to be issues such as paedophilia, physical abuse and alike. A child welfare committee needs to be organised to look at the issue in a case by case bases, one for each region with the ever present right of appeal or review. Any recommendations or conclusions reached by such a committee should then be used in the last resort, court.

This wrought has to stop for the benefit of children, fathers and for the ongoing economical benefit of the country! The whole system has become corrupt, bias and unfair. Just about every conversation I've had with CSA has been, with what becomes apparent to me, a disgruntled scorned female. Of cause the male isn't going to get equality, he's going to get screwed!

The ongoing social inequality has had a detrimental effect on society. Men no longer feel confident with relationships because of the bias against them which is enforced by the courts. We're no longer prepared to risk financial ruin as a result of unscrupulous con-artists. We're no longer prepared to be continually disempowered and suffer inequality. Just the same we expect that our children have equal access to each parent. We also accept that there are scumbag males in society that children need protection from, the same goes for females. In these cases an equitable maintenance level needs to be established. This should not be estimated from gross earnings, it should be a fixed rate for low incomes, incremented for higher income earning fathers. This is not an invitation to open the flood gates because a male makes more money. It takes two, a male and a female to produce a child, the female should bare the financial burden too, after all, they're responsible as well. If she isn't prepared to accept this, she should do the sensible thing and terminate. Religion is not an escape from terminating a pregnancy, if an individual were religious she wouldn't be having sex, let alone sex with many different partners, outside of marriage! Con-artistry isn't just restricted to unmarried persons, it is now becoming more prevalent in marriage, divorce rates are indicative of this. If a females resolves she made a mistake getting involved with a (what she'd refer to him as) scumbag male, and falls pregnant, and doesn't want further involvement with him, and he doesn't particularly want to be involved either, he shouldn't have his financial future jeopardised because she made a mistake. He should only be liable to a fair and equitable financial commitment! Let's not loose sight of the fact that women want to have children because they love and adore them, and are not interested in financial gain, just equality! If the male deems he no longer wants to be apart of a relationship, he shouldn't be screwed just because he's no longer loves his spouse, but he should accept that he's the father and should still perform his parental part. Via either scenario he can still play a part in the child's raring, or commit to a fair and equitable maintenance package.

It only cost so much each week to sustain a child, after initial expenses. It only becomes expensive when people become lazy, buying disposable nappies and throw

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away items. An infant is mainly on the breast for the first six months. After this the expenses are in lots, that is shoes, clothing, education etc. It doesn't cost more than \$25-00 per week in the first year, and approximately an extra \$2-00 per week for every year after this, for sensible consumption of needs-not wants. Just remember, families (single parent) with more children normally utilise hand-me-downs. Our ancestors have done this prior to our generation, and nothing has changed, except it's become a money making enterprise! I don't make these figures up off the top of my head, I've been in relations with a single mother before and I know from experience! This scenario I put forward for those single parents that would retain custody of the child, and the other parent is either deemed no legal access, for the ethical legal reasoning, or doesn't want access!(depending on circumstances)

My previous scenario would be fair and equitable for both parents. 50% custody for each parent, regardless of location. Each parent deemed responsible for the child/children financial and personal needs whilst the child is in their custody. It's fair, it's equitable, and the child has the benefit of a mother and a father, and may even be advantaged by having friends at the different townships of each parent. After all, just remember, having children is not for financial gain, it's because you want to have children. I think you'll see a dramatic change in society, and the savings to the economy would be enormous, and child services wouldn't be over burdened.

Grandparents are sustaining more and more of the burdens of rearing their grandchildren today. This is for many reasons, single parents working (very good), and the negative aspects-drug addicted parents. Grandparents need to have more say, and to be consulted more on the issue of custody. I feel they have a right if they are helping with parental support, both physically and financially. Bare in mind though that sometimes they also play a negative influence on the child's circumstances, my experience is a classic example of a destructive interfering grandparent, an immoral individual!

Men are becoming more aware of the inequality in other areas of co-habitational arrangements with the opposite sex. I make reference to legislation introduced in recent years. I'm not fully abreast of this legislation, but it refers to the liability a male can become entrenched with when he desists from a relationship with a female, who has a child/ren to another man/men. Apparently he can become liable for maintenance if the biological father is not contributing! If, as I understand it, this is the case, no male that is aware of it would risk relations with a single mother. Further more, it enlightens the male further that he is a scape goat for financial burden. This I believe is underhanded and unscrupulously disenfranchising the male of his wallet. This act is also IMMORAL! If indeed this is how the legislation reads. It further concretises the concept of baring children for financial gain, or government departments are looking for a scape goat-CSA!

As for myself becoming a father again, I feel it highly unlikely. I refuse to risk putting myself in another situation where my own future/financial/mental and physical wellbeing are jeopardised, and to bring a child into this world with a mother that is more concerned about the monetary advantages and gaining a free ride through life on the back of my labours! There are too many lying con-artist inbred drug addicted schizophrenic scum-bags in our society today, and I don't need to go through all the anxiety involved in the legal posturing once again. I intend on having a

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vasectomy and not getting tired up with an Australian female, unless I meet an exceptionally genuine one, which I doubt!

I suspect we will continue to see more of the same incidents in society as we've seen in recent times. It has taken regrettable incidences (like the recent murder and suicide attempts) for our Political and Bureaucratic authorities to realise the trauma felt in our community. Please feel free to contact me if you require further insight or clarification of the feeling in society. I feel I can help you reach an equitable solution if you need to discuss the issue further.

I should finish now by way of making mention of the court proceeding being conducted by [REDACTED] of Cairns. As you are no doubt aware, CSA has empowered itself of some (I believe) \$50 BILLION since it's inception in 1988, LIKE WOW! It has appeared that this has created quiet a financial empire, someone has been building quiet a POWER base, is it legal? Or has it been driven by policy?spite? This information will be enlightened upon approximately 330,000 CSA paying fathers across Australia. To say the least I would expect an uproar with this knowledge. Like I said earlier, where ever there is money involved, disgruntled females, empowered with some authority, you have the results that are evident now- CORRUPTIVENESS!

I don't consider that I have all the right answers or conclusions, but I feel I have a lot better insight into the circumstances of what's happening in society, due to experience. We don't always have to be right, but it helps if we're more understanding and malleable, after all we are but mere mortal human beings! If this issue is not resolved satisfactorily it is simply a case of ' If your not a part of the solution, you're a part of the problem' people have to decide what is right, and get away from the corruptive ness that this issue has developed into, a state of 'Us and Them'. The future will progressively deteriorate further unless a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

Thankyou for your time and I hope someone does take the time to ring me and ask for further insight!

Yours faithfully

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