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To whom it may concern, I was married and became seperated two years ago. My former wife left me and took everything all I was left with was an old HQ ute that was broken down and my clothes. Out of an asset pool of \$385,000 all I ended up with was \$16,000 of which was money I had set aside for my childrens future education!. I supposedly have four children the last two of which I am not sure 100% they are mine but I would like to think so as I love them dearly!. My seperation was very messy and caused myself a lot of anguish for the first few months it was extreemly difficult and contact was seemingly impossible as I only had an old ute and four children dont really fit! even though I had court orders stating that I was to have use of the family wagon I was never given it. I went through a lot of pain and suffering and still do so to this day even though I have court orders Ive always found it difficult to have contact with my children as my former wife dosent allow it (depending on what mood she is in). Although she will inform anyone that she lets me see my children when ever I like this is false!. To make my circumstances worse I work in [REDACTED] and I have changen my employment conditions since seperation and now my former wife is denying me any contact at all she has even changed all phone numbers so I cant even speak with my children over the phone!. My contact orders state that I should have the children from 11am Sunday untill 7pm Mon taking the kids to school and picking them up. Which was fine untill my former wifes manipulation affairs and intolerable acts resulting in many altercations with the law drove myself from residing in the same town. Although my work days have altered I still have Mondays available for contact but my former wife wont allow me to see the kids claiming that I am meant to pick them up on Sunday's. I have just attended court on the [REDACTED] to change the orders but was knocked back! what am I meant to do? the child orders in place need substantial changes. One of her claims was that I dont have a house which is true but I cant afford one! I am charged 36% child support I pay 26% income tax my personal living expenses are 22% that leaves 16% but wait thats of my gross income so how am I supposed to survive? Banks arnt allowed to lend more than 30% of your income because it puts too much strain on your life but yet a government department can make you pay 36%? how can this be? and thay make you pay 36% of your gross not your nett! so therefore further stretching my ability to survive. The other dilemas I have faced is that when I finished the employment where I was at the time of seperation I became unemployed this lasted for quiet a period as my child support was reduced and I was actually better off. you see Ive worked out with my former c.s.a case manager that if I was to earn \$35,000 to \$45,000 by the time I lived, payed tax and child support I was actually \$85.00 per week worse off than if I remained unemployed and done 10 to 15 hrs casual work per week. Crazy go to work to be worse off that just shows how bad the system is!!!!. After all that My former wife tricked me into sighning a new form she said she would come up with an agreed amount so we could both benifit (lies of course) and my assesment was reviewed now consider whilst I was working I gave her \$200.00 per week never missed when I became unemployed my c.s.a liability became zero so I had a nil balance with c.s.a fine untill this new assesment was delivered without consulting me they straight away converted their assesment back to the income of \$63,500 which was my last financial years income even though they recognized I was unemployed and in receipt of newstart allowance (they had cross referenced with centrelink) so I instantly had a debt of \$3,000 they rang me and asked if I was going to pay I said "no Im not liable for that I dont earn that amount of money anymore" they then eight days later drained my bank account without my knowlege and left myself with forty cents I could not pay my board I did not eat for three days and was bankrupt for 4 weeks untill after my objections etc they refunded me \$800.00 after objection after objection and after giving a new estimate of my income being \$25,000 they gave me a phone confrence and subsequently a letter following 3weeks later only to have given myself an actual income

level of \$35,500 and once again they backdated a debt now increasing my debt to c.s.a even further!!! although being considerate in their letter they stated we know you dont currently have the earning capacity to service the debt but you do have the potential to earn the amount we have set so therefore we will continue to base your c.s.a liability on that amount!. Hows that they know I cant afford to pay but what the hell well let him go forever incurring a debt I shouldnt have and cant afford!. So as you can tell I am at my witts end after two years of battling having bills I cant afford to pay children I arnt allowed to see you now know why men committ suicide and some committ murder christ Im at that point myself!!! I think the hardest deciscion for people in my situation is which way they go!!!!!!!!!!!! I tjhink you will understand that I am very disgusted in the way government systems work and you always get the run around and the same answer "Im sorry but thats the legislation" well its far beyond time for it to change and if anything I can do will help Ill be there the current proposal of joint custody immediatly is the smartest thing Ive ever heard think about it 50% / 50% split of assets 50% / 50% custody of children and best of all no c.s.a problems lets get it happening why should the partner that gets left in the lurch not be able to enjoy his children as much as the other and why should he be penalized like myself for the rest of his life? please help! if in any way I can be of further assistance please dont hesitate to contact myself.



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