Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System Submission 12

SUBMISSION

Family Violence

My Child Support Case has noted family violence. I had to get a 12 month F/V exemption due to him never paying on time and child support giving him every extension they could. I couldn't afford to live when child support was late due to family assistance being lowered because of what he paid.

After 12 months of getting stronger I decided to re instate payments, this went well for 12 months, until his taxable income went up again and he decided to drop his salary by 60000. The only way this can be investigated is by me objecting but with 100% transparency it leaves me open to the verbal abuse cycle all over again. I have to object I have no choice, but surely proof of some kind is needed when dropping your income by \$60000?

SOLUTIONS

I support the following principles for child support. No child support if care is equally shared. Child support should be based on realistic costs. Illegal activity should not be rewarded.

Proof when dropping income. Centrelink requires more than just proof if you need income support. Get rid of the 100% transparency, keep victims of Domestic Violence safe.