

Submission into CSA From Fairness in Child Support

Firstly I have been forced to pay for the past 10 years and in that time I have not seen my children. This is due to the bias court system that exists in the Family Court. (If the statistic of this court were applied against any other institution there would be an up cry about the sexist institution). The CSA feeds on this and applies its trade to the destruction of the family and the children.

In an environment where bullying is frowned upon by all government institution how is it that the CSA can invest so much time into bullying and intimidation and due to the number of men victims caught up in this vendetta it is policy that is essentially anti male. The CSA does not consult, it does not mediate all it does is enforce without seeing the destruction of people due to policy's that it has written.

Secondly the CSA is a flawed system and needs to be changed in the following ways: -

- * The CSA needs to be only the administrator of the laws governing CSA not the instigator of the laws.
- * The CSA should have no right to pass on information from one parent to the other
- * The CSA should have no right to assess bank records
- * The CSA should have no right to assess people's personnel details
- * The CSA should not be allowed to make an assessment based on no facts when giving a departure assessment; this is generally a higher amount

1. The CSA then is the execution of this departure assessment
2. The higher amount is then enforced for up to the next three years
3. If an appeal is lodged they determine the appeal. The victim of the departure assessment has no feasible way of having a major problem remedied under the system. With the CSA being the judge, jury and executioner.

There are a number of ways to fix this situation

- * Presumption of 50/50 shared custody
- * The CSA must abide by the court orders when applying CS payments
- * If a parent has no access to the children then there is no CS payment
- * There is no departure of assessment to be allowed. This is not the case at the moment where the CSA can make an assessment based on untrue assumption
- * Alienation is an offence that should be dwelt with by the court
- * CS payments are to be a mutual agreement between parents that is binding. Penalties for breaking the agreement are

1. Non access of children until the payment is remedied and an added penalty of 1 month per late payment
2. If payment is not made within 2 months a process to take the money is enforced
3. Custody is a mutual agreement between parents that is binding

* A maximum CS assessment be based on an arbitrary figure say \$50,000 where minimum contact if less than 15% this the CS is zero

1. 1st child the payment is \$400 per month
2. 2nd child \$200 per month
3. 3rd child \$100 per month

The CSA is a very powerful agency with the ability to alter and determine the way people (mainly men) react and the direction that they take in life.

People mostly want to be responsible for their children and the paying or financial contribution is not parenting. The CSA encourages one parent to keep the children away from the other as this creates a financial reward under the current system. Payment is based on time spent with the children so the more time one has with the children the more money. This encourages one parent to keep the children maximising their financial reward.

The current system encourages one parent to break the law, it makes it a financial windfall. The corrupt and bias way the CSA works needs to be investigated dismantled and then reinvented in a fair and equitable manner that is based on non-sexist and values that help the parents and the children maintain a good relationship.

If the effect of the Family Court and CSA were to be studied independently the results would show that this system is detrimental to the Australia economy and mental state.

The CSA could be directly linked to men's suicide and unemployment. This needs to be looked at from an independent study divorced from the CSA, with no input from them. They need to let the study find the result without influence.

Anyone that has dealt with the CSA as a victim can tell of the mental state and pressure that this institution applies to their life. The feeling of being referred to as Dead Beat Dad, having penalties applied because of non-payment when in a position of being unable to pay due to excessive amount.

Australia is going to face a crisis with the CSA. Boys are growing without seeing their dads due to an unfair system knowing that divorce accounts for 50% of marriages. They will view having children with a sceptic view point knowing that if they divorce with children they will only at best have limited access and be forced to pay large amounts of money. They will become a non-parent just a wallet. If we as a country want to have a society, where children are less common let's keep going with the antiquated system. Australia will be a poorer country for carrying on a broken CSA.

This system needs radical change and quick to save the next generation of the CS system the hardships of this government body that has no compassion to the victims.