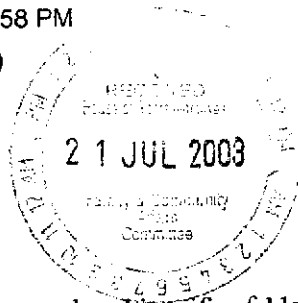


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Re Family Law

My son Glenn Morton was left alone when his wife of 11 yrs left him and went to her parents place at Harvey Bay They had a happy marriage 6yrs has elapsed since the separation He owned his home before being married but had to mortgage it to pay his ex Wife a half share although she never worked during the marriage They had 2 children both Girls aged 10 and 15 The access arrangements through the Family Court are that he has the kids two weeks mid year Holidays and three weeks at Christmas Phone access on Wednesday and Sunday His ex wife and her Parents refuse to allow the children to speak the only answer he gets is I don't want to talk to you As grandparents we have tried to speak to them but fail to get through He is now in a hopeless finance position Paying \$650 child support-\$650 mortgage payments per month His take home pay \$500 per week Leaving \$200 per week to run a car and upkeep a house plus living expenses The Family Court should have called a Family consultation in the first place this is a must in future Why should a person pay Child Support during access periods in this case \$700 His ex Wife also receives Carers money during this period Lone Fathers and Grandparents must have telephone access at present the ex spouse and her parents just ignore the Family Court My son spent \$35000 on Solicitors fees He may as well have burnt it

Yours Faithfully

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