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Peter,

My name is [REDACTED] and I attended the Senate Enquiry Hearing at the Arana Hills Leagues Club. I wish to add my comment.

My wife and I separated in January when I left the family home when it was evident she was having [REDACTED]. In March my son came into my custody and my twin daughter remained in the wife's care. This was done in a mediation process that seemed to favour the wife's intentions as it was my desire for the children to remain together with her or with me.

Since March my son and I have had five changes of residence due to my financial position mainly concerned with continued mortgage payments and [REDACTED] requirements of staying in his current school and routine as best I can.

The issue I wish to bring to hand is the advantage my former wife has had in remaining in the house and the prolonged effect it has had on my son and I.

In April I was able to make an offer for settlement and retain the residence. This was mainly due to the fact that [REDACTED] is in my care and would not have to make a large child support payment. In April I paid for legal valuations and had several appraisals done to reach what my Solicitor considered a more than reasonable offer in order to reach a quick outcome that I desired.

Due to the increase in property value my wife has "sat pretty" and asked for what I deem as an unreasonable amount of money with no recourse except the court system. In my current situation I cannot entertain the cost or the continued disruption to providing [REDACTED] a stable environment.

The matter has continued and the animosity has increased.

I would like to propose that the price of the house and assets be ascertained and fixed to the closest date of separation within 3 months. If neither party can purchase or intend to purchase the property then it should be placed on the market from the 3 months. If the division of assets cannot be agreed upon then it should be based on a 50/50 division with the balance then decided in court. I hope this proposal would provide a quick resolution in an effort to place children in a stable environment and reduce a potential of increasing animosity between parents which is detrimental to the children.

Your consideration and opinion is most welcome.

Regards,

[REDACTED]