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Attention

Honourable Kay Hull.

Dear Mrs Hull,

I am writing in response to an article in the Edelbourne Age dated Saturday 28.6.2003 concerning the Custody Debate and I would like to fill you in on what is happening with our family.

I am a grandfather and my wife and I share a loving relationship with our family.

The situation with our son is tearing us all apart and I give you the following points.

My son had a relationship for 2 years with his first partner they have a little girl 8 years of age, the relationship ended because she was impulsive gambler of the highest degree. As my son was paying for his unit we had to help him fight for access cost so far \$8,000.

What happened:— He has to pay \$500 per month for the child, access once a fortnight which lately she has refused.

Only 15 minute phone call each week which rarely happens as she the mother makes sure that my son cannot make contact at all by phone.

We find with Family Law Solicitors they say to my son "It is not a level playing

field so forget about getting a fair go"
Family Law is run by a bunch of feminist
women

That was said by a barrister our lawyer
told us we had have.

Second child 6 years A unbound relation-
ship with this lady

Again we had to go to court for access
Costs \$6,000 and still going.

He pays \$500 a month for this child
The same treatment happens as in the
first child

My son loves his children and pays out
\$1,000 and when he has them he has to
provide for them, is this fair

The mothers are not accountable for the
money they receive especially the gambler.
When does our suffering stop.

These two lovely children are missing out
on loving Grandmothers, Grandfathers, Cousins
Aunties, Uncles and all extended family
The mothers won't let them attend any
important events (Weddings etc) if they do not
fall on access days

My son is a loving father and he said the
other day he had lost his chance to marry
anyone as he has no money left each week
The whole Family Law Court is just not a
level playing field and I hope and pray you
can get this up. I hope you can notify
me when there will be public hearings in
Chelbourne.

Any further information you wish I
will gladly supply
Wishing you well on this project

I remain

Yours faithfully
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