

House of Representatives Standing Committee
on Family and Community Affairs

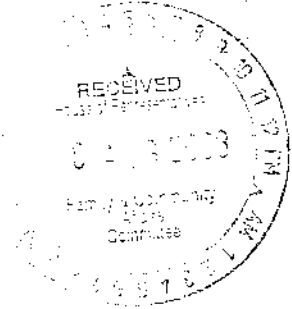
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Secretary: [REDACTED]

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Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family
And Community Affairs
Department of the House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2914



Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing as the wife of a father who pays child support, and has done since 1995. My husband, [REDACTED], has made submission also. I do not wish to go over what he has stated.

I would like to ask why he has to pay the maximum in child support when his ex-wife, [REDACTED] receives approximately \$900 per fortnight in Government payments. I add that [REDACTED] does not work and has not since 1992. Including child support we currently pay, [REDACTED] is in receipt of approximately \$1 120 per fortnight for doing nothing.

I anticipate returning to full time work in the next month or so. After tax and superannuation, I have estimated that I will clear approximately \$1 400 per fortnight. I can not make sense of a system that allows [REDACTED] to do nothing and earn roughly what I will be for full time employment. I do not understand why we have to pay maximum child support in these circumstances.

Please note that [REDACTED] and I do not disagree with the principal of child support, simply how it is calculated and enforced.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]