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To Family Law Pathways
Advisory Group

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Secretary:

As a grandmother I would like to tender a submission to the Parliamentary Committee regarding access to my two grandsons aged 4 1/2 years and 2 years.

Their mother took them from [redacted] to live in [redacted] without advising myself or my son (their father). Since they moved we have been denied access to them even though their are court orders in place to the effect my son can have them every day after work and weekends were to be shared out between both parents.

We are allowed to see the children if it suits their mother which is in contravention to the court orders and unfortunately there is no where to go and no one to enforce these laws. Going back to the Family Law Court is very costly and the court orders are not worth the paper they are written on, seeing as their mother can do as she likes and doesn't abide by the laws. My son pays his maintenance and now has the added cost of travelling to [redacted] to see his boys. It is heart breaking as a grandmother who used to see her grandchildren every day being denied seeing them.

Yours Faithfully [redacted]