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Based on personal experience and from the reactions of Paying Parents (mainly fathers) witnessed on TV's Current Affair Forum hosted by Ray Martin. Those who are paying Child Support but who are not able to have access to their children (through no fault of their own) due to distance where the Recipient Parent has moved to, lack of money to provide fares or no means of transport etc. **And providing there was no substantiated claims of Domestic Violence/Child abuse/AVO's** against the Paying Parent, I propose

That if a RECIPIENT PARENT moves to a place which makes it impractical/impossible for the PAYING PARENT to have reasonable access to his/her child/children – that the RECIPIENT PARENT forfeit a certain percentage of their Child Support Payment.

The percentage could be worked out on the assumption that a PAYING PARENT could expect weekly access to his/her children, and overnight stays 2 to 3 nights per week/fortnight, and two weekends a month minimum. In order to continue, maintain, and improve the quality of the relationship between the PAYING PARENT and his/her child/children. The RECIPIENT PARENT could then be seen as denying the PAYING PARENT his/her right as a parent. Therefore, the same percentage broken down to a "daily rate" calculated per night, per child – be imposed on the RECIPIENT PARENT – and that calculated amount be **CREDITED TO THE PAYING PARENT'S CHILD SUPPORT ACCOUNT**, by way to compensate the PAYING PARENT FOR HIS/HER RIGHTS BEING DENIED (through no fault of his/her own) BY THE RECIPIENT PARENT.

This would not apply if the PAYING PARENT moves away of his/her own accord, except in the reason of transfer of job (not instigated by the paying parent).

It may encourage mothers/fathers to remain in closer proximity to their children so that "shared care" is a viable proposition for all, and in the best interests of their children.

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