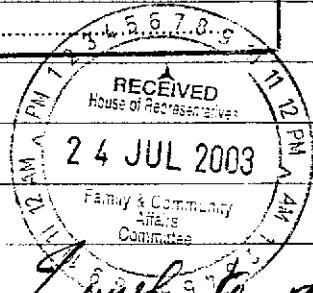


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Dear Sir

I wish to make the following submission to Government inquiry into child custody.

I married my husband in 1993 he left my 3 children and I in 1999 my children at that time were aged 3-5-7 years old.

When my husband shot through he left with with \$90000 of assets including the family car and the childrens Xmas club money

He then proceeded to spend the money on Pacific Island cruises for himself and his girlfriend, poker machines, drugs and alcohol. For six months neither the children or I saw him.

He left me with a huge mortgage unemployed and 3 children to support.

When child support finally caught up with him he said he had no money or assets. He appeared himself in court he had money and a car. He refused to pay maintenance. The court allocated initially \$15 a week what a joke I ask you 71 cents a day to feed and cloth 3 children. For a short period he worked

full time, consequently Child
support gainished his wages
time to form he quit his
job still owing over \$7000
in maintenance. He now runs
a small business paying no tax
and works several days a
week cash in hand. So I
am back to 71 cents a week child
support to feed clothe and
educate 3 growing children
last year my parents offered
to take and pay for a
Fiquin holiday. My law
life ex refused to sign
the childrens passport
My ex is a violent man and
has a drug conviction
My ex lives in a garage at
his girlfriends mothers place

So when the kids go to him
for 3 days every other weekend
they are crumpled up like
battery men

When the kids come back they
tell me of his attempts to
brainwash them, like telling
them I am taking your
mother to court to get custody
My parents give the kids pocket
money because Scrooge says
he is paying too much already
\$5 a week for 3 kids what
a joke

No job. no assets no
stable residence his custody
claims are just a device to
make my life a misery
I have been reasonable all
the time kids birthdays

holidays Xmas etc he gets
access

During all this I got my ass
and gained employment I work
all hours I can to provide a
decent life for my children

My ex husband as worked 4
months in the last 4 years
Half the time I am working I
am working for \$15 an hour
after Centrelink and baby
sitters have taken their cut

I leave you with a comment
made to my ex from the family
law court judge.

GET A JOB MR [REDACTED]. ANY
JOB EVEN IF ITS CLEANING TOILET.
ITS NOT THE STATE JOB TO
FEED AN CLUTHE YOUR
CHILDREN WHILSE YOU ARE

SITTING ON YOUR BACKSIDE
LITTLE did I know then that
3 years later nothings changed
Many times my children have
said they didn't want to go
to their They are frightened of
him

The kids have had one major
upheaval in life when my
husband shot through they
don't need another custody
battle

Love
Sincerely
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]