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on Family and Community Affairs

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Secretary: *John S. ...*

The Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry
Department of the House of Representatives,
Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT 2600.



To the Inquiry,

I read in our local paper, the Gold Coast Sun, July 30, 2003, where separated parents have been urged to take part in a Federal Parliament inquiry into custody arrangements.

I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself as paternal grandparents to commend this inquiry and the possibility of joint custody, allowing both parents to have equal time with their children.

Our son has made a written submission to the Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry, which comes straight from the heart.

Unless directly involved in separation and divorce where there are children, the trauma and heartache which continues throughout the ensuing years, is not easily understood.

As paternal grandparents, we also have and still are, experiencing the trauma and heartache of separation from our grandchildren.

This inquiry is long overdue, as the fathers in these situations do not have the same rights and in most cases left devastated.

We, along with many others welcome this inquiry
and a favourable outcome to the benefit of fathers.

Yours sincerely
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