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**Subject:** Re: Inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation

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I've recently received a copy of that, that you've sent me and had time to go over it. My first instinct was to draw an outline of my response and send it to you by mail, However, having recieved another response from the Attorney General that further enfuriated me I felt that this E-mail would have to suffice.

As I've said I've read the document and with all due respect, although it looks very logical and uses all the pertinent "buzz" words I think it misses the point.

If you expect the birth rate in the country to go up than I and would-be Fathers like me MUST feel free to do what we do, without threat of the cumbersome mechanism you've outlined in your document akin to the "Sword of Damecles" hangin over our heads collectively. In short-"what's in it for me" as a Father"-right now NOTHING but CSA harrasment, Court prejudice, Government hypocrisy in violating human rights codes, excessive court costs, bias by "Legal aide", ignorance by MP's, Male-Bashing in media, Having my tax money fund Feminist groups, being accused of all societies ill's and being "homer Simpsonised" et al.

There is nothing in it for any Father-on a good day he's disrespected by his wife and children-on a bad day that just listed. You must make it more condusive for males/Fathers to exercie their Paternal instinct (to protect and provide and to feel free to procreate without any repercussions otherwise why would I or any Father waste his time. I, for one am so enraged by the bigoted arrogance, hypocrisy and outright stupidity of what I've encountered by the Family court and the Attorney General's office so far that the only outcome possible is to desert my son and walk away to protect my own sanity and start a family in another country where women don't have a "tether" to some lawyer and thus the "mechanism" outlined in your document. It should be a pleasure having kids-your government has turned it into a nightmare and I can't see a would-be Father with a modicom of common sense committing to anything linked to the Family court or the mechanism you've outlined-I wouldn't.

The fact that my Ex wife [REDACTED] my son here under the guise of an immigration and has blocked my access for the better part of 15 years and I being sick and tired of the insult being told by the Attorney General's office to go back to a court I've zero faith in more trouble than it's worth. I'll simply wait for the conclusion of this case, to be brought down shortly, assess and probably leave Australia and my son forever as this country has forced my to chose between my moral/ethical and religious beliefs and my

love of my son. People have fought wars for less and at this point I'm going to let everyone I know for the rest of my life not to migrate to Australia, invest here, or start a family here if they're a man. I came to Australia with the best of intentions in 1989-It was the biggest mistake of my life.

Very Truly Yours

Jerry Himelfarb

Addendum;

I'm sorry for being a pest but I remembered something else I should add. Under the civil and political Human rights code a parent has the right to manifest their moral and religious beliefs on their children-their beliefs, not that of societies'-theirs, I've been denied this here in Australia. Also, if I may quote a famous Canadian Prime Minister-Pierre Elliot Trudeau (circa 1970) "the State has no business in the bedrooms of the nation", I'd like to expand upon this to say, the state has no business playing Mother and Father to it's children-thus insulting the natural scheme of things. The State has no business interferring no matter how repugnant it finds the moral compass of the individuals involved, in the running of the Family. The logic being "if they can interfere with that family-they can interfere with my family". The passing of laws intended to penalize the minority insults the sensibilities of the majority-I for one am sick and tired of being treated like a "criminal" by my ex and her being supported by the court-by default. I'm tired of paying taxes to a government that in effect assumes I'm an incompetent, a child molestor, a wife-beater, a sexual deviate, and a deadbeat. I have no criminal record. No parking tickets-have been assaulted [REDACTED] twice in two years and the court hasn't even acknowledged it. Had my religion and my beliefs dismissed out-of-hand. Had my moral/ethical beliefs ignored-been issued with a restraining order. Had my health damaged due to rage/hate/frustration. Had my trust totally damaged. Question; Why would anyone, exposed to this kind of interference, no matter how well intentioned, want to support the government that initiated it? I won't.

Anyway, I again thank you for your patience..  
So far, yours' is the only group that I seem to find any integrity in-I certainly hope it's well founded.

Very Truly Yours

Jerry Himelfarb-(Ex Father-in-the-making)