

Submission to the Federal Parliament "Rebuttable Presumption of Joint Custody".

The necessity of having a real presumption of joint custody that Actually works in Australia

3,100 Words

I find it hard to put together convincing words to make you know what the last eight years of my life has been like. When and if you read this submission you need to know that I have suffered many wasted years. Years where I could have been profitably employed, seeing my children without hindrance and have been a useful member of society rather than an outcast depressed fugitive.

I have spent years depressed, worried sick, not sleeping, and tied up in exhausting legal battles. Playing the game of "hide the children". Or rather, to put it another way, I was trying to enable my children to see me. Something that "the mother" did all she could to stop.

Even to this day I still wake at 3 am almost every night, going through all of the most difficult moments of the past eight years.

I suffer from chronic sleeplessness, always waking at 3am unless I have taken some sort of medication. I usually get back to sleep as the sun comes up but not always. As a consequence I have started to have poor memory.

I wish to point out to you in simple, unemotional language the effects that the Family Court and most particularly the CSA have had on my life. I will illustrate to you by reference to just some of the "highlights" I won't bother you with the "lows".

It is obviously hard to prove to an outsider bias within the Family Court, CSA structure. But once you have become a victim, then the bias is only too obvious.

Being a living arm of government you expect the CSA to protect it's own jobs. The fact that it does so through the use of lies has unfortunately come to be what we expect of "modern" government. I am confident that if a proper accounting were done on the CSA we would simply have to abandon it as unprofitable. In fact I call for an inquiry into the workings of the CSA and I want compensation for what they have done to me.

The CSA is extremely costly in terms of both lives and dollars. PIR research in Melbourne, have calculated that the cost of collecting one dollar to be transferred from the "beggar" to the "owner" are somewhere between \$2.45 and \$2.80. It clearly makes sense to get rid of the CSA. If the CSA should be brought unstuck, by say a legal process, ~~then there would be no choice~~ but for the Family Court to truly obey the Law.

The Feminists would be up in arms!

This is truly a terrible double standard.

Women do not have to obey the law in the areas of false accusations of domestic violence, sexual assault, or the withholding of children from the father. If a man even questions a "sum assessed" by the CSA then it will be stolen out of his bank account without further notice.

A truly enforced "presumption of joint custody" will remove the impetus for such "innovations" in the law.

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