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I am emailing to register my absolute horror of the proposed changes to child custody.

I am separated from the father of my 3 month old baby, his decision after we planned this baby.

Babies need their mother to nurture and love them (it's in our genes), how could these proposed changes be in the best interest of the child? I fear it is for statistical purposes and **reducing the amount of welfare.**

Since when does a budget come before the needs of a child?

The majority of father's lose their temper with a baby and will not provide the essential needs of a child (it is not in their genes) eg feeding, changing, burping, cuddling, sleeping, warm, social interaction, safety which are all the ground for a healthy secure and happy adult.

You may save money on a budget in the short term but it will cost more in the long term eg medical, social and gaol costs

Any father who is genuinely interested in caring for their child will take the due process of a legal agreement between he and the mother of the child.

In my case it makes me feel sick to the stomach to even imagine my baby was not cared for and nurtured in his father's care eg cold, hungry, tired, dirty, pains. How can government decision makers be responsible for this.

Also I fear some fathers will use the proposed changes to upset the mother of the child and use the child as a weapon. Unfortunately at your social class you will be totally unaware of how some children are treated by fathers.

Thank You
Sara