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Attention:

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Mrs. Kay Hull,

Committee Secretariat

Standing Committee on Family and

Community Affairs

Parliament House

Canberra.

House of Representatives Standing Committee
on Family and Community Affairs

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Dear Mrs Hull

Secretary

a letter written by Mr Larry Anthony
Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
re Child custody arrangements, we
wish to present a submission from
grandparents point of view.

Under the present arrangements, when
only the one parent has complete
custody, that person, if so desired,
can refuse access, at will, to any
family members be it ex partner,

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grandparents or relatives.

While our first desire is for the children (who have already experienced extreme emotional distress, due to their parents parting) that they should have, as far as possible, an emotionally stable family — the inclusion of a normally accepted family circle, needs to be continued.

Therefore we write to seek your understanding of the situation and as grandparents seek to have the right to legal access to our grandchildren if / when the children desire that to be so.

Yours faithfully
R.D. M. Clinch (MRS).

for.

Francis Roy M. Clinch and
Roslyn Dell M. Clinch.