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RE: Child Support,  
Child access and C.S.A.

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The Committee  
Family and community affairs

House of Representatives and on Family and Community Affairs
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I was in a de-facto relationship in ~~1990~~ 92 to which a child was born in December 1992. The child's mother exercising her right under W.A. law and being the 'owner' of the child left the state soon after for Queensland without so much as a goodbye to myself or the child's grandparents (my mother and father).

It was not until about three years later that I found out the then place of residence of the child as a result of my applying to the C.S.A. for a reduction in my commitments to the child's support in order to obtain the right to visit twice a year, Kalgoorlie/Boulder-Queensland.

My application was rejected by the single adjudicator at the C.S.A. and my payments since then are as per statute, currently 18% P.A.

It is approaching three years now since I have heard from the child. My father has since died not knowing where "the little one" was my mother has not had any communication nor recognition of the child's existence for nigh on ten years.

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She is 90 years old next May and has had no contact with her grandchild since it was removed from Kal/Boulder <sup>over</sup> nine years ago

I asked the "melt butter in your mouth" person from the C.S.A. whether they know if the child they are collecting for even exists? The answer was it is for me, the father, to find out these things. Their job is simply to collect the monetary dues, they presume the child exists until proven to the contrary.

How this obscenity ever came to be part of our Australian system astounds me yet it is there and policed with an iron fist by the lovely people of the C.S.A. with vim and vigour. I do know that as a caucasian male it is enforced to make life a constant burden what with taxation and child support every dollar earned is halved. If I was a nigger it would be held as discriminatory and racist and I would be subsidised to visit the aforementioned child.

I do not expect a lot to come out of the findings of the commission as so little has happened of value for years with little more than lip service being paid to this highly destructive piece of legislation. May the perpetrators of it all break a leg.

Yours very sincerely  
Malcolm Roy Olden