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**To:** Forbes, Bev (REPS)  
**Subject:** grandparent view of child custody arrangements

Dear Beverley,

I am writing this as a concerned grandparent in regards to child custody arrangements.

When two people decide to bring children into the world I feel they have a commitment to give their children as happy and secure an environment to grow in as possible.

Unless a parent is unfit to take care of the children appropriately why should there be a reason why either parent cannot have equal access to the children.

Children suffer enough from having their home life torn apart through the separation of their parents. Why should this be worsened by the courts deciding on whom the children should spend the majority of their time with?

I think wherever possible an equal time would be fair for both the parents and the children.

My grandchildren now have a stepfather who is good with them but I still see my grandson upset at times when he has to leave his father and I feel sad when I hear my son say he feels like a part time father.

Thankyou for your help in trying to give loving fathers a fair go in this situation.

In regards to the confidentiality and privacy matters I would prefer my name and address to be kept confidential.

Yours sincerely  
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