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I make the following submission in regard to "*whether the existing child support formula works fairly for both parents in relation to their care of, and contact with, their children*".

I regularly see mothers whose only income is from welfare and child support spending that money on alcohol and pokies, while their children are in consequence deprived of the basic necessities that the child support compulsorily acquired from their fathers is meant to provide.

As the mother receives welfare, the father is limited to controlling the expenditure to a maximum of just 25% of the child support he must pay, while the expenditure of the remaining 75-100% is at the discretion of the mother.

"Given that the best interests of the child are the paramount consideration", should dictate that child support is spent on supporting the child, not the resident parent's addictions, on the child's necessities, not the resident parent's indulgences, and to do that requires removing the 25% limit.

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