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Secretary:

Dear Mr Ken Ticehurst MP

Thank you for the way you conducted the Access forum held at Mingara Leisure Centre.

As Grandparents we have been denied access [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] I would like to submit these points:

Equal visitation rights for both grandparents, with stricter laws regarding denial.

Dual Custody –

The law needs to keep up with our ever changing lifestyles. Two persons created the child, both loved the child at the time, when separation occurs in most cases both parents work. If the mother works she would place the child in short or long day care /school, if the father works he would also place the child in day care/school, the only time each would spend extra time with the children would be at weekends. We are seeing men with more compassion and love for their children and very capable of caring, some parents now have reverse roles. Could their be equal week about by choice.

Equal Legal Aid for both parties –

In our case I have seen the mother received all benefits (Legal Aid, Unmarried mothers Aid, Child Support etc.) currently living with her parents, sister not working looking after the child while the mother works full time, whereas the father works is paying child support, paying rent, paying all bills remaining, is not eligible for Legal aid as we thought we were doing the right thing and gave our son money for a deposit on a house which they never did thank God otherwise the mother would have walked away with the house.

Now the mother is suing our son for most of the money with clearance of another debt in her name to our company, and if he does not abide with her wishes he will not see his daughter which he has already been denied access for 6 months.

Would it not be a fairer system if both parents were able to seek financial aid not just one sided, I know the system helps women in distress but sometimes the system is abused what about our males, Dad's in Distress we need them.

Thank you

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