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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir / Madam

In the past 2 years my daughter has had the misfortune to have dealings with the family law court of Australia, she is a single mother of a 26 month old girl she was not living with the child's father at time of her daughters birth. I have supported my daughter emotionally while going through these proceedings.

The courts are all for the fathers even when they state they don't want the children. There are different types of fathers the real fathers who love and care for their children and those others who want to play daddy when they want too.

I believe the fathers have the right to see there children but I don't believe these small children should be traumatised at such a young age and forced to go with strangers, we teach our children not to talk to strangers but the courts are forcing them to be put into strangers cars screaming all because they cannot speak for themselves.

In my granddaughters case the fathers had supervised visits from August 2001 to November for 2 hours per week he only showed up for 10 hours in that period and he saw his daughter 2 hours christmas day. He stated in January 2002 he no longer wanted to be part of her life then in February the same year my daughter was served with court papers so he could see his daughter. After the court hearing he was to see his daughter at Relationships Australia for 2 hours per week this did not start until June 2002.

From June 2002 until October 2002 he saw her only 10 hours in that period the child was ill doctor certificates were produced he said the child was not ill he called us liars even when we rang to tell him we were at the hospital seeing a specialist.

From October 2002 the court granted him 4 hours per week visits which he use to pick the child up and take her to his mothers house. He then had a new girlfriend and he use to refer to her as the child's mother which upset my daughter he didn't show up on christmas day 2002 because in the court papers nobody was to drink alcohol in the child's presents.

In January 2003 after my daughter rang to see if he was picking the child up his response was I will wait to see her when she's 4. My daughter response was you would have to take me back to court. He didn't want the child he had time to show her off to his family now he wanted his freedom. The consent orders were made 3 days later the father signed the child fully over to my daughter as long as he didn't have to pay child support; I help to support my granddaughter.

Nobody seems to care about the welfare of these small children the solicitors the court there response is the child will get use to it in a lot of cases the child doesn't get use to the upset of going with strangers, being forced into cars screaming.

It has taken 9 months to get over the turmoil she was put through if an adult was forced

like this the other person would be charged.

The affidavits that are submitted to the court are a joke nobody is even questioned about them they are only there to belittle people in the eyes of the court even if you could prove they were lies it doesn't matter as far as the court is concerned.

I do believe the solicitors have a lot to do with the way the proceedings are dealt with I think they encourage the fathers to lie to make the other party seem like trash this happened in my daughters case I even called the solicitor a liar she did not respond to this.

The children change after these visits are forced on to them they become little monsters they have nightmares my granddaughter began to bite and pinch and very aggressive towards males.

It's about time the court start questioning these fathers why do they want the children now there not animals to be taken when they feel like it being a parent is a life time commitment from birth to adult hood.

It seems to me there are a lot of people unhappy with the family court system all I have to do is listen to people I work with who are upset about what their grandchildren go through.

When you get a solicitor you think they will help to protect your child no is not the case all they say is you have to be fair even when you fear for the child's safety. My granddaughters father is a heavy drinker he also smokes pot he has been bashed 2 times in the last 15 months after being drunk what kind of role model is this for a small child.

The court say the fathers have rights what rights do they have to traumatise these young children.

These children are the future if we don't help them who will.

My niece is going through the same with her son I have seen the father he had to restrain his son so he couldn't run away from him. When his visit was over I asked the child the mans name his response was I don't know he blanks out the visits what harm is that doing to the child's mental state he is a very unhappy little boy.

There is a lot that could be said about the fathers solicitors and the courts I think it is about time we all woke up and had a good hard look about what is happening to our babies.

Please someone Help them their lives are in your hands.

- 1/ why cant the fathers take time to get to know the child before forcing the child to go with them.
- 2/ the affidavits should be questioned about the entire dirt throwing at the mothers.
- 3/ the solicitors should try to help their client not try to get it over as soon as possible.
- 4/ if the fathers are not interested in the child in their first year of life they should not be able to take them from the stable home they have until they can prove they have a relationship with the child.
- 5/ there should be some time period to go back to court to renegotiate the access without fear of prosecution . .
- 6/ the fathers should be willing to visit the child in their own environment until they can bond with the child.
- 7/ the child abuse of these children should stop their emotional and psychological needs

should come first.

8/ the courts the solicitors and the mediators should have a look at what the child goes through there the ones who decide the child's future.

9/a child should not be forced in a car screaming.

when a child goes to relationship australia they state in their pamphlets that if a child cries for a period of time that the visit is called off this did not happen in my granddaughters case i have dropped her off crying and when i have returned she was crying not once did they ring us. the reason i dropped and picked her up because my daughter used to get upset with her daughter screaming.

the reason she went to relationship australia was decided through mediation because the 27 year old father stated that the 46 year old grandmother was going to bash him up this is the sort of lies and belittling i had to go through because of this person i imagine a lot of people go through this sort of trash it has to stop.

regards

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