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RE. Child Support & Family /Housing etc.

Dear Mr. John Howard/Prime Minister, may I call you John? Because as I know you are a Family man and this is to deal with more a down to earth nature than just policy and PolitIK'. John I don't know if you remember me, we met (I think it was you), at Kent Street City at Millers Point, if so then you know I don't agree with all your policies but I DO think of you as a good man and find you a good bloke, someone who would be a good friend and 'mate'. I have attached a copy of what I have been through and I know you have had rough times as well, (as all parents seem to do. 'No medals for Parenthood" aye?). I totally agree with your views on the need for the basis of a family having the contact of the TWO. Mother and Father, or specific, adult Female and Male presence in the development of a child's upbringing, and indeed the continuing of both parents through the pre teen and young adult years. When a family does split the loss is great to the community as a whole, when compounded by the Numbers of splitting parents, not to just that family involved. Girls as well as the boys need a father figure who will/can give them the male side of things/activities, not in what they do but in the very nature of being a 'male' contact. The way we blokes say and do things different to the Ladies. In as much as the growing child needs a male so do the growing children need the Female side of the equation. There are a number of growing single families where the male is the dominant role, mentor and the female has the secondary role in the child's upbringing . You can see the breakdown in our society through BOTH parties policies in the State and the Federal Governments, & I must give accolades to you Sir, (~S~ salute) for being aware of the problems in the first place and asking for ideas. Something you could say was a very "labour" thing to do and not what I would of expected from the 'Liberals' lol, (laughs out loud). Which is why I have a great respect for you and others in both parties who do realise this. Housing is going to be a big problem with the continuing area of support from split parents. When the maternal parents split up and say, the children live with their mother, I the rights of the child and of the father to have equal share in the joys of the upbringing should be paramount, BUT, this is where it gets nasty, and I AM a Labour person and a Union person, But for the Life of me We have here in NSW the most inept, moronic, tyrant of a blind bastard Premier and his idiot NSW Government Labour Team of fools who will not pull their collective heads out of the own backsides and see what they are doing to the people in NSW. They are the worst Labour Govt in the HISTORY of Australian Politics. John? If you put in place anything to help families in regards to financial support, tax benefits, ANYTHING at all, our great Bob Carr and his band of fools will do everything to stuff it up !! , to take it away from us!. Because you are Liberal and THEY are Labour, its that simple it makes me sick. The Carr Gov. will not let the public housing families get ahead in any manner, they penalise families for earning a decent living and who try and provide for their family's future, They (Carr Govt). have placed me/we in NSW in a position where I get penalised for working, I am now not allowed to work because we will be charged MARKET value rent ie\$460 .00 at the moment even if we are .50c to a\$1.00 over the \$1000.00 TOTAL GROSS (before tax they work it out the bastards)

for a families combined household income. When we both worked my wage before tax was approx \$670.00 per week, thanks to the UNCHANGING with the times policies of the Car Govt, \$465.00 a week was taken out of that for rent!!!, Yes my wife does work but there is TAX and SUPERANNUATION not to mention the children, car, rego and insurance. Gas , electicity water, phone shopping for the average family I have two girls aged 12+ 14, I am trying to get into hospital for a hernia operation but they wont operate because I have a maybe cancer, in my groin WHICH I cant get into hospital for to check because it is not a "casualty" and he(Carr) has stopped the hospitals from fixing us NSW patients until it's too late. Lol. John, the CARR Govt loonies will not provide a single parent with a public housing with more than One bedroom, if you have a boy and a girl, (our law says they shouldn't have to share the ONE ROOM !, poor parent will have to have them living on theBLOODY FLOOR!! Can you believe it?, we are supposed to be CIVILISED for GOD sake!. Those children of separated parents who stay with the other parent equally will be deemed as part of that house hold also, so the Bastard Carr Govt will charge BOTH parties , apart from the fact that they will NOT give a single parent more than one bedroom residence hahaha ya gotta laugh for the Catch 22 value alone mate. So I am behind you 100% BUT what ever you do to help us here the BASTARD Carr Govt will take it away from us or never give it to us in the first place!! Lol. I realy do feel ILL, because our politicians should be people we can trust and look up to for fairness, humanitarianism and a continuing uplifting in our standards of living, BOB CARR and his party have never been this and they are LABOUR which to me makes it all the more sadder, ☹.

Since 1983 I had tried to get them to turn the sewer outlets inland for watersupply instead of pumping reasonably clean FRESH water out into the blood ocean!!. It was capital works which would have provided emplyment, it would have provided fresh water for the dry areas of NSW, it would have taken a low cost(compared to the cost in drought we have!) a couple of pumping stations, cleaning areas to get recycled materials from and to clean the water, they said the water is already set up to move out to sea, well thank god for plumbing ya know, elbows and U bends would have continued the waste and water INLAND!! Easy as that as is most problems to solve of this nature. 20 years ago I tried John to get them to see the future but as you know 4 to 6 carr/ sorry car lanes of shit don't pay toll do they ? lol. Anyway that's all I have to say , hope you keep well m8(mate) and congrats to you and your family and the new inlaws lol. ~S~(salute) ty(to you) sir.

I still am a Labour supporter tho, but know good policy from bad no matter who delivers it, Australia and it's people first before the Party Politik' I always say.

Kind Regards.

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PS I had tried to tell the Carr office about the Bali danger two weeks before but they ignored me,oh well, I did try, I am very sorry, and I have been in touch with the Federal Police over this matter. I tried, ☺