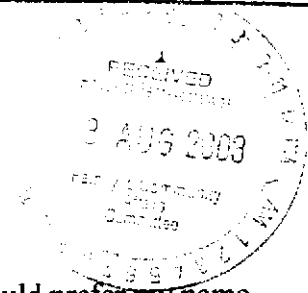


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## Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry Submission



My submission is in the form of a narrative, unfortunately true. I would prefer my name be not used .

I am happy to answer questions or provide further information

It's Fathers Day,

I wake,

No CHILDREN,

it is in your access agreement that you have the children on Father day, but your ex wife has decided that you can not have them over night as she can't afford it. She drops them off at 9 with a curt remark, thank you for dropping them off.

Do the kids believe I only want to see them so I pay her less money? That is what they have drummed in their heads, relentlessly.

Unfortunately for me this is a true story. Child support is her money in her eyes, and she gets plenty.

She needs to go away with school to the snow for a week. In our agreement that I have them extra days to support her work requirements, but in her eyes these don't count. That magic count of 109 days is always in her sight.

Finally after 20 months the child support agency supports my claim. I had the kids 129 days, and support is changed. Now I can have enough money to go to the movies etc with my kids.

Anger in her eyes, you have taken my money, I will appeal, you will pay.

She took over 85% of all we had including my super. Of the shared possessions she has over 90%. I have no furniture. She quibbled over things I brought to the marriage. I caved in, I don't want my kids to hate me.

Without the support of my new partner I could not have stayed in Sydney. The math is simple. 37% tax 27% support, 5 % super 69% gone.

There need to be more tiers in the system. We fathers are the losers. We are deemed guilty until we prove otherwise. Agreements are worthless. They are manipulated to serve the mothers end, and the children used as hostages.

50% split should be the norm. Assets should be split, in accordance with the access. Kids need beds at Dad house.

I will never forget last father's day.