

Joint custody / Child Support Inquiry

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## CUSTODY LAW

In the ideal world, parents and children stay together. In our fragmented Society many men and women do not spend a lifetime together.

The main people to be considered are the children, they are the victims of the broken marriage/defacto relationship.

The children (if old enough) should be given the opportunity to decide if they wish to reside with both parents on an equal basis.

It may be rather unsettling for them to move around.

Perhaps equal rights may cause more problems because, the persons involved have already got disputes.

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Should the couple be agreeable and willing to share custody then the children would not suffer as much, as those who come from a violent and traumatic separation/divorce.

If it can be proved that one of the parents is only interested in having custody in order to have control of the other partner, or the other person is irresponsible, then the Law should not consider equal sharing.

Custody should be allocated to the parent who shows by their actions that they love and care for the children, whether they are male or female.

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