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Good Morning,

Sometime ago I read that you are thinking of some changes to the child support scheme - has there been much progress in this matter?

I would like to make a suggestion, for what it is worth - could I suggest that the assessment for the amount to be paid be based on the gross income of both parents and that it is an equal split and not the current formula of a certain percentage of each others income to determine the amount to be excluded etc etc. By making it based on gross income you will make it equitable and fair for both parents and ensuring that everyone takes responsibility for the welfare and future of the chil(ren).

Personally, I know that my ex-spouse earns considerably more than I do, but she can negative gear her investment properties to reduce her taxable income, and as a result I pay quite a healthy sum of money in child support. It is especially come to a point when it is about to increase and my salary hasn't changed during the past twelve months and she has obviously managed to reduce her taxable income even further.

Where is the fairness in that ?????

All child support payments, whether payer or payee need to have it calculated on gross income - this will stop anyone trying to reduce their level of commitment to supporting their children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Cheers for now, Andrew Koerber.