

Dear Committee

I think all of us know of people who have siblings whose values and behaviours differ radically from their own, Bill Clinton and his brother, and on the local front Peter Costello and Tim Costello.

Why should innocent children be deprived of income because their parents or siblings are not effective.

I know a young indigenous family where the young single mother was not coping, but the four year old and the five year old got themselves up and dressed for school, they wanted to go.

Support them in a practical way with bus services and breakfasts, but don't punish families because of an errant member.

Do not withhold welfare payments by linking it to school attendance.

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