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Currently in Australia, 43% of all marriages breakdown and end in divorce or permanent separation. In a large percentage of these cases children are involved and in many instances these children are used for exploitation. Please let me explain, any woman in Australia can simply walk out of the family home with the children and immediately make a claim to the police that she feels threatened by her husband and that she has concerns about the children's safety.

This initiates and justifiably so a Temporary Protection Order under the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 1989. This stops the father from seeing the children and in a few cases this is necessary however with the rest this is now the tool that gains the maximum monetary benefit from CSA (Child Support Agency) and now that she has the children in her care all of the time the law allows her to oust the father from the family home, most women know this, it's well shared on the grapevine. CSA are only interested in how much time the children spend with each parent and the remuneration increases with the amount of care provided, eg. If the mother has the children full time she will gain the maximum monetary benefit through CSA subject to incomes. **This is EXPLOITATION** and it's happening in Australia every day of the week.

So now starts the legal processes that will eventually in months or years determine that in most of these cases there are no grounds to stop the father from seeing his children. But during this lengthy process the children have been denied access to their father and this in many cases can bring on a sense of abandonment for the children **this is cruelty**. Sure it gets sorted eventually, but patience is not a child's virtue, it's an Adult's virtue. We must ask ourselves what the possible impacts of this process will be in the long term, will suicide rates increase, does this account for the increasing lethargy or obesity in our young?

The bottom line here is that young Australian Children are being exploited and treated cruelly every day due to the inadequacies of our legal system, I would hate anyone to think that this design is for maximum financial return for the legal fraternity. Although I have heard that Family Law is the fastest growing business in the western world is this why the lawmakers aren't doing anything about it?

We **must** have a process that expedites the determination of these Protection orders and in most cases early independent professional psychological analysis of the children could make a determination on the validity of many claims and avoid much of the harm caused to our children or perhaps there is some other way.

Forget the lawyers, the mother and the father and let's save the future of Australia, AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED ON A DAILY BASIS by a system that facilitates exploitation, cruelty and extortion.