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SUBMISSION - PAID MATERNITY LEAVE.

As an 80-year old beef cattle farmer, I am very concerned' with the social problems affecting marriage and children today. I believe it is partially caused by infinite consumption **in** a finite world encouraged by the C.P.I. expectations rather than an adequate living such as was achieved prior to 1973 when the C.O.L. Index applied. (A)

SUBMISSION 1.

With women no longer breast-feeding their babies for the first three months of life or longer, (refer an Article by McGill University General Information attached) research has shown children have an I.Q. nearly six points lower than those breast-fed for the first three months of life or longer.

SUBMISSION 2. Research published in 1969 (attached) shows raising children's intelligence in the crucial early years before the age of four largely determines the basic intelligence at maturity.

After a child is four,, his I.Q. potential is more or less fixed; and: it is imperative that he receives essential rules of Training and encouragement - preferably-by his parents offering love and security rather than in child-care placement - if we are to ensure a more intelligent population in the future.

SUBMISSION 3. I refer the Commission to the enclosed A.B.C. Radio Transcript on "The Obesity Epidemic".

This scientific research indicates that working mothers feeding "fast food" and sweetened fruit juice and soft drinks (including Alcopops) instead of home-prepared fresh meals are also causing health problems which affect the demands on the - public health services in the future also.