

# Dads pay to give less to kids

## EXCLUSIVE

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DADS who complain they are being ripped off by their ex-wives for child support are paying former public servants to prepare and lodge their appeals to pay less.

Single mothers have attacked the practice as "stealing from children" despite it being legal to hire help.

While official figures confirm that one in three fathers pay just \$7 a week to support their kids, business is booming for companies offering "dispute resolution" with the Child Support Agency.

One new entrant, My Child Support, has described the government agency that determines child support as a "dictatorship" and battles the bureaucrats on behalf of clients.

It boasts employing former CSA staff who know how the

system works. "Life is about taking action, so draw a line in the sand and have a battle with CSA's dictatorship," the Facebook website states.

While the Abbott government has confirmed it has refused to deal with some agents who are not acting in the best interests of the clients or are attempting to subvert the system, no complaints have been raised to date about My Child Support.

Human Services Minister

Marise Payne said: "Separation is a challenging time for families. My department works hard to advise parents about the payment and support options available at no cost.

"If someone is not satisfied with the department's customer service or a child support decision, there are avenues for complaints and reviews."

Dr Elspeth McInnes, a former convener of the National Council of Single Mothers,

said the men were stealing from children. "It's effectively stealing from children to not pay your child support and try to minimise it," she said.

"We hear mums are being told by CSA agency staff, you should be grateful you are receiving anything."

"They often don't pursue smaller debts, say \$2000.

"If you are struggling to keep your kids in school shoes it's enormous." The Commonwealth ombudsman has found

that divorced fathers refuse to lodge tax returns in some cases for up to 10 years to avoid paying child support.

But angry fathers are claiming on the My Child Support's social media accounts the CSA agency is biased against men.

My Child Support founder Chris Wellman said: "I used to work for the CSA for seven years. A lot of people end up getting financially screwed.

"Most of the staff at the CSA are kids."

## A \$50M PALACE REALLY FLOATS PACKER'S BOAT



The Amels 212 Z yacht, worth more than \$50m, is the new boat for James Packer; and (inset) Packer reclines on the deck of his last yacht.

### ROS REINES

THIS is James Packer's new \$50 million acquisition.

The gaming baron has splashed out on the 65.5 metre Amels 212 super yacht Z.

The lavish floating palace can accommodate 14 guests and 18 crew, including a captain, with the options of a helipad and side-opening balconies. It is currently berthed near Barcelona in Spain,

where it is much less noticeable than the Packer family icebreaker, the Arctic P, where the mogul has done much of his entertaining during the last northern summer.

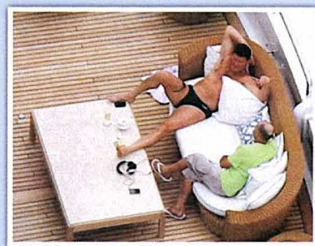
Among the guests on the Arctic P have been his former wife Erica Packer and the couple's children, and, on a separate occasion, the new woman in his life, supermodel Miranda Kerr.

Packer put his last Amels motor yacht, the 46-metre Z Sydney, renamed Ares, on

the market in 2011 with an asking price of \$22 million. At the time it was widely known that Packer was interesting in upgrading.

His new yacht, which was launched in Vlissingen in the Netherlands on March 3 this year, is thought to be worth more than \$50 million, not much more than a drop in the ocean for the multi-billionaire.

The spectacular vessel will no doubt turn heads if it arrives in Sydney Harbour in time for the festive season.



## Cops hunt man with eye tattoo in toilet sex attack

### NAOMI WHITE

POLICE are hunting for a man with a distinctive tattoo around one eye after he allegedly sexually assaulted a woman in a sports club bathroom.

The man is believed to have entered Wentworthville Leagues Club while trying to

evade police after a car chase earlier Friday night.

He was captured on CCTV entering the club on Pendle Way, Pendle Hill, before making his way to the female toilet at 11.30pm.

He is alleged to have confronted the woman before sexually assaulting her.

Less than 90 minutes earlier, police had flagged down the man's gold Mazda 4WD for a random breath test on Stapleton St, Wentworthville, before the vehicle sped off.

Police stopped their pursuit before the vehicle veered onto the wrong side of the road, mounted a footpath and

crashed into a tree. The man again sped off, with his car found abandoned a short time later on Pendle Way.

The alleged offender is of Mediterranean/Middle Eastern appearance, approximately 24 years old, with a solid build, and short-cropped black hair, about 170cm tall

and unshaven. He has a tattoo around one eye and at the time was wearing a black Nike brand T-shirt with the logo just Do It.

Inspector Adam Phillips said the man should not be approached and he urged anyone who saw the man to contact authorities.



The man police are seeking.