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| **Our Ref:**  | Phone: Fax:  |

**By Email:**

Dear

**Child:**

**Date of Birth:**

I am assisting in relation to child support matters.

 believes that you are the father of . I understand that you have not signed the birth certificate or a statutory declaration acknowledging paternity of .

As my client receives a Centrelink payment she must apply to the Department of Human Services: Child Support for an assessment of child support for the child. If my client does not do this, Centrelink will significantly reduce her payments, leaving her without adequate means of supporting the child. For this reason, she needs proof that you are the father of

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My client proposes that you both submit to DNA parentage testing to resolve the issue of

 ’s paternity. She wishes to avoid the need for court proceedings and proposes that this testing take place on an informal basis within 28 days and that the cost of this testing be shared equally between you.

Please confirm that you agree with this proposal within 14 days of the date of this letter.

If we cannot reach an agreement about this matter my client may have no alternative but to commence court proceedings. Court proceedings will cause you unnecessary expense and inconvenience and my client would prefer to resolve this matter amicably.

If you (or your solicitor) wish to discuss this matter please do not contact directly but telephone me on .

Yours sincerely

**Solicitor**