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- **"Liabile Parents: The New State Role in Ordering Maintenance"** 
(1981) 5 Otago LR 48-151
Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 88/2020

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It is proposed in this article to trace something of the legislative history of "the liable parent contribution scheme". as it is known. and then to assess the Social Security Amendment Act 1980 as it was passed.

This article then discusses its place within the wider framework of family law.

"Making Liable Parents Pay More"

New Zealand Law Journal, pp. 75-78, 1983

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 89/2020

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The author takes time to reflect on the effect that continued Amendments to the Social Security Act 1964 is having on the fundamental principles of the liable parent scheme.

"Child Maintenance and Access"

(1986) 1 FLB 93

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 90/2020

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The case of Shrimski in the High Court concerned the liability to maintain a child when access to the child is restricted. The case revolved around the custodial parent's decision to move to Australia, followed by attempts to stifle access to the child by the non-custodial parent. This article describes the ruling in the High Court, centred on the welfare of the child. It then looks into other possible solutions to the problem of non-access.

This paper also contains a brief case comment on the Court of Appeal decision in Hartley.

"The Effect of Social Security on the Payment of Maintenance - Some English Comparisons"

[1980] NZLJ 298.

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 91/2020

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New Zealand's social policy on marriage breakdown is at present in a state of transition. How the financial needs of the parties to such a breakdown are met is an ever-increasing important part of that policy. This article touches on several aspects of the problem by drawing comparisons with the position in England, and it is the writer's view that considerable advantage could be gained by a study of the English system.

"Spousal Maintenance: A New Philosophy?"

(1981) 9 NZULR 336.

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 92/2020

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Following the Family Proceedings Act 1980, two main objectives pervade the area of spousal maintenance: a clean break, and financial independence. This article first describes the four main models on spousal maintenance. The author then examines the Act with regards to these models, in order to show which model is the most consistent with regards to both the Act itself, and the concepts that surround it.

"The New Zealand Liable Parent Scheme"

[1986] Family Law 371.

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 93/2020

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The Liable Parent Contribution Scheme is a reform of the law around maintenance payments where the custodial parent is on a domestic purposes benefit. It is a compromise between the non-custodial parent's duty to look after their child, and the state's responsibility to those less fortunate. This article describes the past and present law. It then evaluates the effectiveness of the scheme, as well as looking at some of the objections that have been raised to payment.

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