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Ms. R. Sullivan,  
 Commission for Children & Young People,  
 P.O. Box 12671, George Street,  
 BRISBANE, Q. 4003.

Dear Ms. Sullivan,

It has been suggested by Dr. Mark Lynch of Crime & Misconduct Commission that I request an appointment with you to discuss three serious complaints regarding the sexual abuse of my disabled child, the suspected physical and emotional abuse of another child in foster care and the use of drugs and alcohol by support workers during a disabled children's camp.

I was a Coordinator of the respite service and am the legal guardian of my disabled child. These complaints are of a very serious nature and the treatment by the service provider of my child and me, as a parent and staff member, has been abhorrent and the actions taken by the Service Provider has had serious repercussions in my child obtaining justice.

The other two complaints are also serious and need to be addressed by the Commission.

Ms. Sullivan, could I please have an urgent appointment with you as the threats and intimidation by the service provider against this family has placed extreme duress upon this family. The Service provider falsified their reports and denied my reporting of the sexual abuse. The service provider had reported my complaint to the support worker without interviewing me and despite my advice I would be reporting to the Police. My child had been placed in his care by the Manager and staff against my wishes. I had repeatedly stated "No I did not know him" but my wishes as a parent was over-ridden as she was the Manager and I was an employee. I had to provide a Statement of Witness to the Queensland Police Service but we were being intimidated and threatened by the Service during the police investigation and whilst we were endeavouring to comfort our child.

In public interest, and to protect the rights and interest of my child and the other disabled children involved, these serious matters need to be addressed.

Yours faithfully,


Maree Welch.

Ms R Sullivan phoned for address (contacted Mr Lynch)  
 Referred matter to Anthony Bernicelli who  
 requested a private information to him - unsure  
 whether Children's Commission can assist, will advise options.