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To: redress
Subject: Re: Make a submission

To Whom it may Concern,

I wanted so much to have the strength and focus to be able make comment and provide some feedback, however at this time I am not able to due to added pressures with regards to other matters that have surfaced during the course of 'getting to know myself' and to 'letting go' of the past in order to 'move on.

I will simply say though that the current system for 'undoing' what has happened in the past needs to change.

The current system and processes that are managed through 'Victims of Crime' are inadequate and not at all helpful during a time when you need it most.

For example:

As progressing through these matters is happening as we speak I have been advised that there should be available counselling made to people who need it. Apparently an announcement was made by the New Premier recently that counselling would be made available for as long as the person needs it.

Well I have found this not to be the case:

I have approached Victims of Crime asking them to allow me to continue with my counselling because I will need the support whilst I have been asked to provide further evidence to the Police which has been happening over the last few months and as the progress their investigation I am left hanging.

I have also other matters going on that are linked with my time in care and I really need the support of the counsellor that has been assigned to me for the last couple of years.

I approached Victim's of Crime to ask for a continuance of the counselling as I thought this was possible given the Premier's statement.

Well so far I have hit yet another brick wall. Victim's of Crime will not pay the counsellor who is trying to remain consistent and continue to help me.

Victim's of Crime have stated that I needed to authorise for the counselling. I have done this, They also told me that the current counsellor needs to make a submission to state further counselling is required. She has done this.

And yet Victims Services have not provided any further communication to advise 'if' I am able to continue with the counselling.

As this goes on, and without consistent sessions I can rely on, I find myself overwhelmed with dissecting and understanding the feelings which change from day to day as the past unravels adn whilst these matters related to my child hood continue. It simply makes it 3 steps forward and 4 steps backwards and this weighs so heavy on a person who is trying to move past this kind of 'stonewalling'

It feels no different now than the frustration I have experienced in the past with the management of my fostering. Like I am simply pushed from one place to another and nothing ever feels secure or resolved. You simply can't resolve things like this without a supportive and consistent base to keep you focused and grounded on the 'end' result.

Leaving people 'high and dry' like this is not acceptable particularly when they have had no real control of their destiny because the very things that matter to a person working through this has no say, they simply have to

conform to more restrictions and be made feel like you don't matter or your are not worth the resources,etc. That is what it feels like from here. However if things had have been managed differently in the past when I was growing up then I would not have to be a burden to society now. This cuts very deeply to someone who is in my position.

I am not asking for much. I just want the help I reach out for to be there when I need it and while I need it.

Is this too much to ask?

I would like to know what I should do the stop being stonewalled by Victim's Services who seem to be a law unto themselves and who simply do not show any consistency to all the promises being made by the so called 'powers to be'.

I really wanted to be able to digest all of the processes that are taking effect via the Royal Commission however I simply cannot stretch myself that far when I seem to have to 'battle' on with getting the support that is required 'now'.

I guess what I am saying is that my energy is stretched to the point that I have simply ran out of time being able to be part of the submissions while I battle on simply getting a continuance for ongoing counselling whilst my matter/s continue.

Perhaps this information could be considered as relevant 'feedback' and I would love for someone to get back to me with an 'instruction list' and how to stop being 'stonewalled' by Victims Services.

Thank you and regards

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