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RESPONSE TO ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES  
TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

CONSULTATION PAPER ON REDRESS AND CIVIL LITIGATION- MARCH 2015.

My name is Tony Young. I have appeared before the Royal Commission.

I wish to respond based on my personal experience.

In 2004 I questioned the assessor on the criteria for ex-gratia payment. I was told it was how you got on with your life.

He added I had done okay and I had other issues, that was being a Vietnam Veteran. So suffering from P.T.S.D. depression, 3 failed marriages, several failed relationships, loss of children, loss of job and ending up on a pension is doing okay.

Is this not discrimination and re traumatizing a victim/survivor.

On types of abuse I understand the Royal Commission would not consider other than sexual abuse. Could this mean it is

possible there could be another Royal Commission into Physical abuse - non sexual, psychological abuse, neglect, abandonment, emotional abuse, assault etc.

Will the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse consider the severity of abuse also age abuse occurred which is vitally important

as one is more vulnerable at certain ages.

Based on Baby 0-1, Infant 2 -6, Child 6 - 12, Adolescent 13 -19. Child years 6 - 12 most vulnerable period developmentally. Also

will it consider the long term effect of abuse.

On monetary payments the consultation paper suggests min. \$10,000 average \$65,000. My experience the maximum was \$60,000.

I questioned how a maximum could be set without a criteria.

My suggestion was, if the Department had a case to answer we should all received the maximum. Reply was "there is not enough money for that".

Finally in regard to signing deeds of release, my experience with Ex-Gratia payment which "is done or given as a concession without legal obligation". So why did one have to sign a waiver. Also why were we given free legal advice which was "you do not have enough money to take on the Government. also if so it would take years, just take what they offer you".