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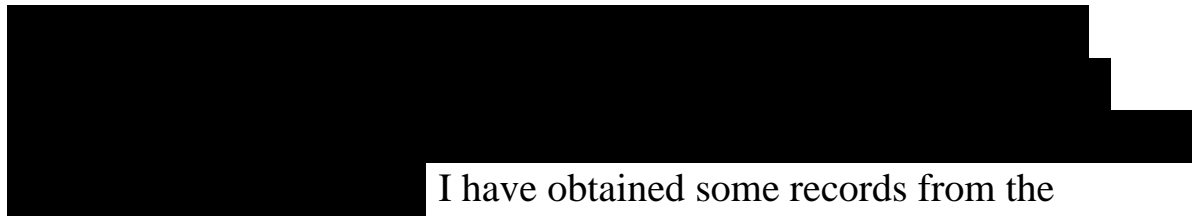
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I have made a personal submission to the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse.

I now want to share my thoughts and recommendations regarding Redress.

1)

I don't know who can be held responsible for the sexual, physical; psychological, and emotional abuse I survived as a child. This abuse took place when I was made a Ward of the State and was in Foster Care with



I have obtained some records from the Department of Human Services, Wardship Records.

The Psychiatric file records which began from the beginning of my Wardship, were destroyed. Which were held by the Department of Health.

Some of these Institutions no longer exists, but I feel strongly that someone needs to be accountable for the damage caused to me as a child, and the impacts that are still with me today. I would greatly appreciate a written apology and acknowledgment that what happened to me was wrong; shouldn't have happened; and 2)

I'm distressed that the lies, accusations, false portrayals, and personality traits attributed to me, in these files remain on public record and could be obtained by future generations, for example a Genealogist. I see this as another form of abuse over which I have no control.

What I suggest is that a official document be attached to my files noting that regarding the above, be looked into and that the government admit that, in the file and they were at fault for placing me in such places. Considering all the decrepities in it ; and state that at least some of the behaviors I displayed as a child were due entirely to the abuse I endured.

I would like the Royal commission to consider making these recommendations.

- 1) A memorial to children that have passed away at the hands of abuse as a child in care.
- 2) A memorial for past care leavers adults that have passed away as from a direct abuse issues in care and all forms of neglect as a child in care.
- 3) A memorial for all children and adults who have taken their own lives as a result of abuse or neglect in any sort of childcare facility, either from the past and the future.
- 4) I would like to be compensated to make a quiet place in my garden, where I can just sit and relax when I'm stressed and depressed. On those days when the memories of the past

become too overwhelming and I feel I have no answers to my problems.

5) I would to be compensated to make my life a for filling life. what is left of it.

6) I would like to be able to have some sort of memorial in my own place where I can visit my brother any time day or night, so that I have a feeling of connection with him.

This is very important to me as I don't have any one from my past any more.

7) I would like the Royal commission to make recommendations to the government to consider a lifetime scholarship to help educate past care leavers if they would like to participate, with no pressure whatsoever to participate. With no fees ever to be paid by the care leaver for this education. As most care leavers were denied a proper education. And it was the government's responsibility to educate these children and they failed.

8) I would like the Royal commission to make recommendations to the government that all care leavers be be compensated as well as the above request for all sexual, physical, emotional and social abuse.

Also that any CenterLink payments NOT be in Any way be affected, altered, cut, adjusted ect ect. Because if payments were affected, it would be seen as another form of abuse. The compensation should be there to help us not make us feel betrayed again

I think we have suffered enough it is now time to somebody to show compassion towards our needs. We care leavers need to be

shown and reminded that we are loved, respected and a very special people from what we have all suffered from at the hands of the government's neglect. The government of today fully understands that the proper care and nurturing of a child, will grow up to become a healthy productive human being, thus an asset to the country not a burden as a lot of us feel we are. We have come a long way in understanding how to care for children from the past mistakes that should never be repeated ever

I would like the royal commission to make a recommendation to the government that they use common sense and do what is morally right on how to rear our future children in care. To treat our children as they adults would like to be treated themselves, To respect our future children as we would respect ourselves. It should not be very hard job if you think about it, make the rules as if you are making them for yourself. That is all I ask.

Signed Barbara Ann Dupuy (nee Lee)

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