

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Hon; Commissioners

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Thank you for your time again. As I still have a few days before submissions close, I thought I would try again.

ISSUES

1) *Civil litigation would be the preferred method. My experience with Redress WA, gives me absolutely no confidence or trust, in any governments or religious entities, that have participated in our Abuse, Neglect and deprivation. In front of the world they have demonstrated their true contempt for their victims. It has already been tried, and proven to be nothing more than ingenuous and brutally dismissive. Australia is still in Denial, and trying to dodge responsibility for financing and facilitating the systematic destruction of children's lives, (in every way possible). If it's not a wholehearted sincere apology, along with sensible restitution, it is pointless organizing anything, involving the state or religious entities. In fact, today 28th of May 2014, During the 8am news on 6PR, I hear that Tony Abbot has set his sights on taking millions of dollars, from this Royal Commission. This is exactly what I am talking about, they don't keep their word. We can't trust them to be, open, honest or genuine. This one suggestion (on their part), confirms my assertion. The only advantage, is for those seeking to prevent the possible payout figures, that would be possible through the normal legal avenues. Access to the legal system, has been denied. The Absurd use of the Limitations law, is being touted as the main block to justice, and that makes Justice, "UN-JUST".*

2) *This issue is very controversial. The moment you introduce the perpetrators to the mix, you destroy all possible trust and confidence (no matter how small the trust) in any further participation. And it should be seen as another attempt, to divert the course of justice, because that's what it is. The Claimants are sick to death of all the procrastination, deception and lies. Money never rated a mention when they took us away from our families, so it should not be taken into consideration now. How dare the state play games with our lives, and futures. We saw our total betrayal by our country, and being shown no respect throughout our lives, from Governments and Religious bodies that put us through so much EVIL. I believe reality is much clearer than the fiction proposed, in defence of our treatment. Dealing with the perpetrators is not the way forward, and it is now the victims that should take front and center position. All governments and religious bodies, should now be classed as hostile to their victims, and be excluded from having any input. Every time (so far) the States and Religious bodies get involved, they have proven beyond doubt, that they are incapable of demonstrating real empathy for their victims. There have been plenty of opportunities for the State, and Religious entities, over many decades, to do the right thing by their victims, but they chose not to. We are where we are today, because they have manipulated and ignored our humanity, needs and hopes. They ignored us then, and now we need to forget them, and be permitted to start our lives that are almost over.*

3) *Redress has shown that it is only for the benefit of the perpetrators. Redress schemes are just that "schemes". Redress does not provide negotiations, and this is a problem. Individual Abuse examples vary so much, that it would be wrong to not take into account, the variables. Such as, how long was their Wardship. How much of that time was spent in State custody. How often were they moved around. The type of abuse that has been suffered. How much impact has the Abuse had on the victim. Is there any evidence that the State was aware of the suffering, and the likelihood of damage to the victim. And if so what was the response of the Child Welfare Department ?. I possess those documents !. I have already sent an email containing that evidence, to this Royal Commission (to Jerome).*

4) *A national Redress scheme, while being seen as a good idea, will not deliver the kind of outcomes needed to resolve the issues created by brain dead idiots, and do-gooders. And to think they are going to have any input in the matter, disturbs me greatly. The funding for compensation needs to be from all the parties involved in the Abuse.*

5) *Redress WA, is the best example, of how **not** to conduct a Redress scheme. If open and transparent processes could be implemented, that would have gone a long way toward gaining our trust. But sadly we are dealing with facts here, and the fact is that, once lost, you will never be trusted to do the right thing by the FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS again. Any and all previous interactions have been toward them saving face. They have spent millions trying to defeat their victims, but we are still here, and gaining strength*

through the truth. Australia does not know the truth, which is paramount in these cases, they have lied their heads off from the very start. I know that they have to lie, but we (the victims) don't have to. We only need to produce the evidence that shows they ignored their own advisors, and good advice from psychologists. They have revealed their position, and demonstrated their willingness to act corruptly to save face. Nothing has changed after all these years. Any schemes need to be totally independent of State or Religious involvement and interference.

6) I am confused about this one. Establishing is one thing, but Participating in, is quite another. In what capacity are we saying, in each action. All Institutions, State and Religious bodies, that had a part to play, in the plethora of illegal Abuses dealt to children in State care, custody and control, such as "Ex State Wards". In respect of Establishing Redress schemes, their capacity needs to be restricted to Financial contributions. They have already done enough damage (at their hands), to the lives of broken children. Participating in any Suggested Redress scheme, is "abhorrent" to say the least. It ignores any sense of justice, because it would allow the perpetrators, to become Judge, Jury and Executioner !. There must be a Law against that kind of justice. Are we not HUMAN, just like most people ?. Why do we have no **rights**, other than to endure the constant sorrow, loneliness, regrets and pain, waiting for death to swallow this life, and set us free. Life without hope seems pointless !. Life without love is cold !. Life without connections is empty and isolated !. Without money, a proper childhood or a reasonable education, there are very few choices in life!.

7) Why would any-one be forced to participate in any kind of scheme that was conjured, that had room to produce more of the same. It should be expected that the perpetrators are involved, only to save themselves as much as possible, in face and financially. They consciously minimize the damages inflicted, in their own eyes. It is a fact that they can not be trusted, look at their track record, over the decades, as proof. You can't ignore that much evidence. With corruption levels as high as they are, and life without value below. Australia, it's States, and Religious organizations, that were involved in the (proven) Abuses, need to get serious, if they intend putting these atrocities behind us all. Instead of treating the victims like cancer, "unwanted, painful and life consuming".

8) "Fairness" it's a bit late to be talking about fairness now !. "Fairness", we have never been treated fairly by Australia, it's States and Religious bodies. Is it fair that the perpetrators are being considered as deserving fairness, while we must struggle and fight for obnoxious scraps. Any-one would think they're the good guys and we are the crims. The facade of honourable people, needs to be torn back so that the victims don't have to struggle any-more. The victims need fairness, at least once in this lifetime !. Fairness and Consistency for the victims, needs to be worked on, but a process that looks at the variables, such as type of Abuses, Length of exposure "Wardship", Identifiable medical consequences (including mental health). Earning capacity, financial security into old age, the list consists of the short and long term consequences of being Institutionalized, and abused on a daily basis, over short and long term periods. Where the Institutions that no longer exist are concerned, there is not much one can do, unless they are part of a greater organization (in terms like, the Child Welfare Department, and the Government). We should see this as a just outcome, for the evil that lurked in it's existence.

9) "Advantage" for whom are we talking ?. If you mean for our Abusive captors, you'd be right. They are the ones that took advantage of our vulnerable, naive and junior status in the world. The Law backed it all the way, and the police enforced the law by taking us back to hell, and dumping us to be flogged for trying to escape the suffering. It went on for years, but no-one cared enough to enquire. I would like to think that we would get our day in court, where I could present my documented evidence, that needs no explaining, and let every-one see the truth. I have my doubts that the figures of other comparable cases will ever be replicated for us. I believed in Redress WA, only to be lied to, let down and cheated. The same thing occurred with a class action that was settled out of court. We were taken for a ride by our solicitors, and the Catholic Church. All trust is gone. What part of affordability prevented my being taken away, and subjected to so much hatred ?. We the victims, as children, were constantly under scrutiny, 24/7. But the adults that kept us in check, went through a 3 shift rotation, every 24 hours. They never allowed the pressure on us, to subside. When it comes to affordability, WE couldn't afford to lose our childhoods either, but that's what we got from them. Am I detecting a biased attitude, against the victims, in the thread that runs through the Royal Commission, as a result of the true purpose, of it's existence ?. The questions seem more interested in lessening the responsibility, of the perpetrators, than fighting for the victims. If their not genuine, we will be the losers again, and that's what it's starting to look like from here.

10) A very complex situation, indeed. Based on their actions throughout our Wardships, and beyond, they have demonstrated nothing but utter contempt for their victims. They have wasted hundreds of millions of dollars trying to defend the indefensible. Against the most vulnerable of all. I wouldn't expect them to openly confess to what has happened, but I think if there are multiple offences over decades, that are leveled against the same individual (I'll let you think about that one). I guess there is always the chance that some may be lying, and have jumped on the bandwagon. Unfortunately that is always going to be an issue, when people make claims of sexual abuse. I can't think of a way to make them be honest. They

have only ever displayed Contempt for their victims,

11) "What sort of support should be available for claimants when participating in a Redress scheme ?". I think this is an area that should have been provided to the victims, from the moment we were released from our Wardships. The damages have been compounded by leaving us to fend for ourselves, only to experience the multitude of failures that were as good as certain to occur at some point. I can't see any value in counselling, because it doesn't change the fact that we are alone, and broken families it cannot repair. Counselling did not prevent what the State put us through. Nor has it helped bring my brothers back to life. Counselling is nothing more than mental manipulation (brainwashing), without consideration of the losses, the subsequent depression and anxiety. Legal advice should have been provided at the end of our Wardship, but that never happened. There was a solid legal reason why we were never informed, and it should be blatantly obvious to all. By ignoring our need to know, we were unaware of the Statute of limitations, and the ridiculous six year window for legal action, passed by. It was only after the six years, that we were told we were out of time. The Statute of Limitations in Western Australia, is now being touted as a block to any legal action. The decision to do this to the victims, is just another cunning move, on the part of the State. Does this not constitute corruption. Put us in a dark room and expect us to see. The level of evil has been raised to new heights, by those involved in the deliberate perpetual destruction of our lives. There should not be a time limit placed on legal actions, because the full extent of the damage can't be seen, and in most cases, doesn't manifest until well beyond the six years allowable. The Statute of limitations is not appropriate in these cases. The scales of justice are being contorted by the defendants, as a form of further Abuse. At what point are the victims going to be the priority ?. The consequences for the victims, are life destroying. 40 years have passed since I started trying to let them know (aged 12yrs old) I could see the outcome, but it has always been in vein, and we are still being left to fail and stumble. I have documented evidence, that supports this assertion. They gave me a fish, instead of teaching me to fish. Raised in total dependance, then dumped to survive independantly (WTF). There should not be a limit to legal advice, and support.

12) I would have believed it should be considered, but we are no better off today (decades later) than we were, when they took us away (well almost). The little bit left of our lives, is being squandered by the delays and procrastination on the part of the defendants (church and State). Even though I think like I do, I think it should be taken into account. For the sake of the argument, those that have already received small amounts through different schemes, need to have that taken into account. If there is any justice to be gained, the balance needs to be achieved, for those that have not received any payment. It is very likely to cause genuine anger at the message of inequality, and deivision among the Claimants. Trying to devide the victims is another attempt at conquering the group. Is this a case of helping the perpetrators or supporting the victims ?.

Where was this type of consideration given to our "unfortunate and deliberate" extraction from the general population ?. It is a shame that my two deceased brothers, who shared the same satanic childhood torture, and maybe more than I, are not alive to see how far we have come. Hell, they never even heard the National Apology. One brother hung himself at the age of 30. The other died from excessive self medication, on the end of a needle, he was about 45.

Well I could go on and on and on, but I will close now, and let you return to where you were before reading my submission. There are hundreds of tangents that need attention in the resolution of the intentional mistreatment, that was rampant in various forms, among the Institutions in Western Australia.

If you grew up in a family, even a single parent family, you would find it virtually impossible to relate to the life we went through. Our capacity in life has been severely handicapped by our deprived, and abused childhoods. The base reason for our Wardships, was an Alcoholic father that bashed his wife, and neglected his responsibilities, as a father and husband. Would it not be more logical to remove the Alcohol and or dry the old man out. But when you think about the profits that can be made from the production, all the way to the Addicted Alcoholic. Its when you take that ("\$\$") into account, you see the truth. The companies and governments were making a fortune out of it. The difference between the profits from grog and the costs of having children in so called Care, being taken off their hands, by the lowest bidders !. Need I say more?.

Thank you Commissioners, I know you will do the best you can, but watch out for a run on suicides, when you tell the victims there's no further action that can be proceded with, in their cases. That could probably be seen as the ultimate and final abuse. When they lose hope, what's left ?. And that understanding makes me wonder if this isn't intentional.

Once again, Thank you,

Regards 