

Public Submission

On **REDRESS.**

The suffering that victims have endured in State, Religious and Organisations is well documented in numerous inquiries and cannot be denied. No one wants to pay redress, not the churches, not the Governments and no one from any organisation. These churches and charities were paid by various Governments to look after us, feed us, cloth us and protect us from any predatory behaviour and to look after our general health. None of these things happened, there were no checks and balances put into place and the result of this is the tragic consequences of which we are left with today. The churches and charities have accumulated enormous amounts of wealth on the back of our neglect and abuse. Its time to force them to pay redress, so the Royal Commission needs to ask all of these Churches and Organisations, what cash and assets do they hold, not only in Australia but on a global setting? What are the national numbers of children who were abused or neglected in their care? Its time for them to pay for the damage that has been done to victims who are suffering in their mature years from poor health and psychological damage that we have suffered for decades. The redress figures should reflect the pain and suffering that we have had to endure for decades, child rape, locked in cupboards, severs physical abuse, starvation, exposure to immoral danger in care. The Governments have expired for decades to deny us compensation in many ways, half of the polititions wear two hats, one of government and one of religion. Why do we still have the statue of limitations? Why do we still have the Ellis defence? A minimum scale of redress should be on a range from \$50.000.00 to \$250.000.00. Redress must be paid to all victims of abuse whether it is sex abuse or not, because no matter what type of abuse, it is all traumatic and it is the cause of immense psychological problems. All silency clauses and most agreements that have been reached through lawyers have been obtained from intimidation, pressure and duress need to be set aside and re negotiated. Various Churches are claiming to have offered counselling and legal fees paid is a fantasy, very few of these claims are realistic. We need a gold card which should be funded by the Government to cover our poor health and it should be as compense for the Government failing to act and protect us as children. Do not listen to religious submissions as they will ask to keep redress to a minimum to save their cash and assets. These churches and organisations still enjoy building their own asset base with government funds to run schools, out of care services and the like. They still fly under the banner of not for profit and they pay no tax. The original idea of Christianity is to remain poor and to obey the teachings of Jesus and to remain poor and humble, not accumulate vaults overflowing with gold and treasures. You will never stamp out child abuse unless you send a clear message to them that if you continue to abuse children there will be severe monetary penalties. The cost to the Government for what has happened with historical abuse is immense, be it courts, police, welfare etc etc and unless you put a stop to it with more severe sentences for offenders and penalties for collaberating to hide abuse, history will repeat itself.

Yours

Sincerely

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