We have forwarded lengthen submissions to previous Issues Papers included 5 and 7 highlighting women survivors of sexual crimes - have no other option but to proceed to Civil Litigation - as Government Scheme - redress and compensation for women are continually ignored by Commonwealth and State Governments.

Our gender is the wrong gender because there are Government and Religious schemes in place for male survivors the opportunity for redress and compensation but the majority of females - they are discriminated against.

As previously advised - if a male alleges he has been sexually abuse by a male - shock horror - but if a female makes a similar claim - attitude is - she probably either asked for it - or was a willing participant. The Royal Commission is mainly focusing on male gender with sexual crimes coCommitted on non pregnant girls residing in institutions (either State Ward or Non Ward) and young pregnant girls (all exposed during past Commonwealth Senate Inquiries) and the violation of minors rights under medical experimentations (many included sexual crimes) - because the sexual predator was a man in a white coat - he is still as he was back 1958-1973 protected by Conservative Governments.

Victims of Crimes Compensation Schemes are not available to females - who are survivors of medical sexual crimes - Redress Scheme - females not included once again - because any redress or compensation schemes do not sexual crimes committed on young girls by medical predators - the institution wearing white coats.

It is an absolute blight on this Nation the majority of females - survivors of medical sexual and other atrocities - are forced to commence Civil Litigation either against religious or Government institutions - and still are being treated with suspicion.

Until dialogue changes and includes persons and not under gender title
- no compensation or redress scheme will ever be adequate - only biased against the female gender. Female survivors should not have to resort to Civil Litigation for medical redress and compensation - the same systems put in place by religious organisations for male survivors of sexual abuse should be also introduced by medical institution - eliminating the further stress and possible humiliation of females.

When a male is charged with sexual crimes - the system endeavour to prove the female was an active participant thus the same rules under Compensation and Redress Schemes presently in place.

We are one family - one Nation - and our gender should never be part of a biased system - discrimination against females. If discrimination against females is not removed from any redress or compensation schemes in the future - the Nation has learnt nothing - just varying ethics to suit redress and compensation schemes

As a female and spokesperson for females - we have been forced to discuss the sexual atrocities committed against females by medical institution - many legal firms are not interested in taking on female sexual abuse cases because of the above reasons (females are not believed but males are).

We have provided submissions to the majority of Issue Papers - and it is hoped that female voices will be heard during discussions for redress and compensation schemes and the legal profession educated IT DID HAPPEN TO FEMALES - statistics 1 in 4 females as against 1 in 9 males.
As stated during submissions and issue paper submissions - Commissioner Andrew Murray is well aware of the sexual crimes committed against females as a former Senator and member of a Senate Inquiry.

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