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Background

I have been employed in the for approximately eighteen months and was previously employed by the for about 5 years, I have been employed in my current position as for the for approximately eighteen months, although I have not at any time been allowed to fulfil this position.

Relating to

There has been a history of a senior employee of the bullying and harassing me throughout the time that I worked within the . The bullying and harassment occurred following a protected disclosure that I had made in treatment that I had received I suffered a psychological injury and had been periodically on workers compensation leave. The perpetrator of the harassment arranged for me to be transferred to the . This is managed by his friend.

Investigations

The person was given directions not to have any thing to do with me or my matters, despite this and following my transfer to another department, in the person contacted an independent person who was employed to reconcile leave dates which had been misrepresented by to the . An investigation followed which was finally completed in February 2011. Findings attached.

On the person despite directions to the contrary, accessed my leave records (even though I was no longer within the same department. erroneously rescinded 17 days of my leave. then sent me 5 emails advising of what he had done. A number of investigations ensued. Findings attached.

In it was found that the person has misappropriated a further 227.5 hours of my recreation and sick leave.

Effects of bullying and harassment on my general and mental health.

I suffered exacerbation of anxiety and other stress related symptoms following the incident. In I suffered a heart attack which was noted to be due to stress and anxiety. I have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Generalised Anxiety disorder. I will forward copies of my treating Psychiatrist report and an Independent Medical Assessment Report once scanned.

Relating to

In I accepted a direct transfer into this unit, as I was told that it would not be possible for me to return to my substantive position at I accepted the transfer in good faith believing that a fresh start would be good for me. I did not know that the unit was managed by a friend of the perpetrator.

I have not ever been allowed to work in the position that I was transferred to. I have been constantly subjected to the most severe forms of bullying harassment and isolation. I have been transferred from of the organisation and expect to be made excess sometime in the near future. The bullying and harassment has not ceased.

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