

Committee Secretary.

Dear Sir,

I am one of many thousand of children that was placed in foster homes and institutions, which was run by the Tasmanian government and welfare department.

I was in all launceston relieving homes in the area between 6/9/1973 and in earlier life from 30/8/63 was in foster homes.

I want the Senators to know that I have suffered extensive sexual and physical abuse and psychological abuse by all my care providers. I have suffered in silence for many years. And I still am in my early Forties. And the tasmania government is not giving all x care leavers the support and self respect that they said they would in there review process which they brought to many a two years ago. promises are broken once again. and re-traumatic stress. in mid July 2004 had hit new level of suffering in my health and wellbeing due to the review process. and the inappropriate sexual conduct of a man in a foster home for 11 years. which

for the rest of many x care leavers
can never restore the effects
of trauma: when there is very
low help and understanding: in
Australia by many governments
and ~~p~~ suffering paper work
does not help in the healing
process: I am asking or
begging for the Health department
to make if any left free access
to parents medical problems
and also to our own medical
records from childhood this
would be great help for all
to discover all ill health
that runs in our Natural
~~for~~ family history to help use
to save our children: I have
always been a sick child and
many ill health times has a
adult due to my past: please
please consider helping not
only me but many many Men-
Woman before we get too old
and die:

Thank you for your
time and consideration
in our plea for
help.

Regards
Therese
Richards