

To: [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thankyou for reading my email.

My name is [REDACTED]. I lost my work due to work injury.

After years of struggle for compensation I won my compensation case however, the compensation was worthless. I was told by my lawyers then that compensation laws changed: the amount were reduced to penny because the government provides Social Security or Centrelink payment for people like me. Not only that, Centrelink also took part of my compensation without helping me when I was sick or to prove my case. So, had to prove to court I am sick, and keep looking for work so I can have income from centrelink.

The result were depression, loss of work and health and money, left dependent on centrelink. I always worked and studied when I was healthy. The losses I suffered: work, health and family (I was migrant, alone) were unbearable.

Now, and after years of being trapped in sick body and unable to live overseas or travel because of lack of income, I find out that you are reassessing people like me on Disability support Pension! I couldn't believe what I read and thought that was a scam from Nigeria like the tax letters. I went to my local centrelink and confirmed the changes in legislation. I felt like kick in the gut.

for the past few weeks, all my session with my psychologist been about the changes and my focus on my health has been halted due to the uncertainty and the shock.

I also started reading about the changes and found out about the "Healthy Card"! I thought that was a great idea for those who suffering with addiction and have problem managing their income. I was really grateful to your wisdom, care and love till I found out that you are applying it blindly and haphazardly.

It is not healthy, loving or wise to treat me like an addict or criminal in jail that you need to monitor my spending when I am doing much better than what you offering me to be independent and help myself.

If feels like I am in jail and you want me to thankyou for food, not sure even if you pay the rent. Maybe people in jail are much better off because they don't have to pay rent... What on earth made you believe that is acceptable to treat innocent responsible people like me like criminal and addicts?

The disparity is obvious and cracking down on Cheats and addict indiscrimintley is unjust

and is Abuse in itself. Applying Cashless Card randomly is like falsely accusing me of crime I didn't commit.

This Card is not "healty" or "Love" for people like me. I don't drink, gamble and have no family to depend on. I don't even have boyfriend because I can't handle control or anyone telling me what to do due to my illness.

Are you going to change the Compensation Laws and reassess them? Can I appeal my judgement and get proper compensation after the time has passed and was deprived of proper compensation due to Government short sighted changes ? I wouldn't needed to depend on anyone if the compensation laws were fair and didn't expect me to depend on Centrelink ! Humiliated then to depend on government, humiliated again to be monitored like in jail.... What is my crime?

Do I have any right as human? Can I get any Certainty that my government will not bully me and abuse me?

The generalization of applying the new rules is cruel, punitive, and unjust to say the least if not oppressive. Meantime, do not forget to change compensation laws for the new generation so they can have some dignity and justice.

Thankyou for reading my message! May the force open your mind and heart to see people as human and not machines so you can rules with love and wisdom and not just rationally! For the bible says in Corintian 13: " and if I give my body to be burnt but have no love, I give nothing...." It is not about giving, but about how much love and wisdom their is in what you give?!

Again, Congratulations on the Card, however the way you applying it must be reconsidered if you really want to call it "healthy" Card

Sincerely



Sent: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 9:02 PM

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Hi there,

Just wondering if I can submit a message the to enquiry committee here regarding the Welfare Cashless Card.

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