

To: Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
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Canberra ACT 2600  
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**RE: Review of Government Compensation Payments**

Dear Committee Members

I am making this public submission in reference to the above inquiry. I am an Anglo, Sold, and Multicultural Forgotten Australian from NSW. At present the NSW Government does not have a compensation scheme to help us in any real or appropriate way. What monies they have allocated are being used for their own infrastructure. This invisible money supposed to help us does not exist except for the Department of Community Services (DOCS) internal rectifications. Nothing has changed for Forgotten Australians who are from NSW.

The only alternative for Forgotten Australians from NSW to obtain any form of financial redress for the loss and damage to their infancy which has for many, continued into adult hood by DOCS, NGO's and the individuals involved in our abused childhood is fraught with such ongoing retraumatisation. We have no choice but to fight our cases through the NSW legal judicial system.

For me personally trying to obtain any form of legal redress has been met by legal firms being completely unfamiliar with who a Forgotten Australian is or what our needs actually are. In many cases law firms simply do not believe us and I have been personally insulted and abused by one of Australia's leading law firms supposedly representing me pro bono for victims compensation. Their behaviour towards me made me so physically and emotionally ill. My health problems are still ongoing.

These particular law firms' applications were incorrect and incomplete. I had to gain all the evidence myself and was told to go and fish for a Human Rights Law Firm to represent me in order to take legal action against DOCS and the NGO who had sold me into absolute dysfunction as well as the individuals involved. When I told them of their totally inappropriate behaviour by these individuals, they refused to represent me. They certainly did not say Sorry!

Eventually I was represented by the Women's Legal Service here in Canberra and had to unfortunately use what little and incomplete work the employees of this law firm had done. Fortunately for me and helped by my ongoing determination, all the applications presented to the Victims Compensation Tribunal were accepted. It will take another 12 month to finalise. This process alone has taken me 5 years to get this far. I do intend to

report these individuals to the Law Services Commission when I am well enough to do so.

What I would like to happen is for us to be treated without any further discrimination. Some key issues that will help us immediately are:

- The issuing of Gold Cards. What Forgotten Australians have suffered is an ongoing war of discrimination and ongoing abuse. We are survivors of officially sanctioned Government and Non Government Organisations systems of Abuse. It was a holocaust especially made for infants and children in this country called Australia.
- Priority of access to all form of resources, including information about ourselves and our upbringings and treatment. Forgotten Australians are a Special Needs Group of Individuals. We have been Forgotten on all counts regarding any form of Human Rights. This behaviour must stop.
- Access to the full range of health services, both physical and mental.
- Education and Training. Many of us are still unable to read or write and lack basic social skills.
- Waving of all HECS fees retrospectively and for our future needs in education.
- Absolute Financial Compensation.
- Legal firms taking the time to be trained in our needs for understanding of what Forgotten Australians have endured and continue to endure.

I hope you are in agreement with my submission and continue to hope for a better outcome than what I have experienced in my life so far. Were it not for my partner I would not be able to write this submission nor would I have had the opportunity to get some form of education, I would not have a roof over my head or a bed to sleep in. For all of us, the nightmares of our past never stop. So many of us have already died and so many others are still without appropriate housing, warmth or care.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards

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