

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to make a submission to the DART Inquiry. I understand I maybe passed the deadline of the 02/06/14, I'm hoping that I will be still allowed to make a submission.

My incident happened on the 20/09/12 when a RAAF serving member sexually assaulted me during a RAAF Formal Dining In Night.

I reported the incident through my company Serco Sodexho.

Months passed with no response from either side until I started to question what had happened to my complaint.

Defence denied even receiving my complaint, whilst my company told me they reported to Defence 27/09/12.

Almost a year later an Investigation was held by ADFIS. It was deemed not to be a sexual assault and handed back to on Base MP's.

I was happy as I didn't agree with ADIFS findings.

I reported to NSW Police who would not investigate or handle my complaint as a civilian. I appealed to the NSW Ombudsman who referred it back to the local Police who then again refused to look at it. I was never interviewed by the on Base MP's and I was never informed of any findings until I laid my complaint with the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

I then received a letter saying that my complaint had no substance on the 11/04/14.

From the time I laid my complaint I have faced brick wall after brick wall trying to have my complaint treated seriously and I have been left with no information or support with my complaint.

I have rang and spoken to numerous departments to try and get somewhere to no avail. The Commonwealth Ombudsmen have been so far my only hope.

There seems to be no processes in place for victims of abuse and I can understand why people go to the Media to have their voice heard.

I hope you will except my submission and I am happy to go into further detail if needed.

Kind Regards

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