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Inquiry into RAAF F-111 Deseal/Reseal Workers and their Families

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Member the F111 Deseal/Reseal Support Group and worked in the F111 internal fuselage fuel tanks as a waterblaster, spraysealer and pick and patch worker from the start of 1994-late 1999, where I became both a Trade NCO and Independent inspector on the repair methods of the jet.

I have had and continue to experience severe headaches and bad temper although not as bad as when I was actively working in the defence force. I also suffer from stages of memory loss, mostly short term where I have resulted in writing most conversations and events down to ensure I have some form of diary of what I have done.

I have become completely reliant on my laptop and phone to keep me organized for daily events.

I was posted to 6 Squadron in 1999 where I thought the tank entry would stop, but I was then regarded as the specialist in that area and became the shift operator on repairing aircraft over 24 hour shifts, so I left the Airforce after serving 11 years when I knew that nothing would change. I don't regret my decision to leave.

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