

THE SECRETARY
SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE
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DEAR COMMITTEE,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO ADVISE YOU THAT I SPENT MY CHILDHOOD YEARS IN AN INSTITUTION AND SUFFERED BAD EXPERIENCES AT THAT TIME. I HAVE ENCLOSED MY FILES WHICH OUTLINE THESE EXPERIENCES AND I WILL OUTLINE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THESE EXPERIENCES FOR YOU NOW.

I WAS BROUGHT UP IN THE NEERKOL ORPHANAGE OUTSIDE ROCHAMPTON IN QUEENSLAND FROM THE AGE OF 10 MONTHS TO 12 YEARS OLD.

DURING THIS TIME I SUFFERED, MENTAL, PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE FROM EMPLOYEES OF NEERKOL.

I WAS TREATED AS BEING MENTALLY RETARDED FROM THE AGE OF TWO UNTIL THE AGE OF 10 WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THAT ALL THAT WAS WRONG WITH ME WAS A SIMPLE TONGUE TIE.

AS A RESULT OF THE ABUSE, I HAD THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT ONE YEAR'S SCHOOLING AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL. MY CHILDHOOD WAS STOLEN FROM ME AND I AM WITHOUT ANY MAINSTREAM EDUCATION.

I ALSO HAVE MEDICAL EVIDENCE THAT I WAS SEXUALLY INTERFERED WITH BEFORE THE AGE OF FIVE.

I TOOK MY COMPLAINTS OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE BY ONE EMPLOYEE TO THE POLICE IN 1997. THIS RESULTED IN HIS TRIALS ON CRIMINAL CHARGES IN 1997. THE OUTCOME OF THOSE TRIALS HAS LEFT ME WITH NO FAITH IN THE STATES JUSTICE SYSTEM AND I WILL EXPLAIN WHY.

THERE HAVE BEEN THREE MISTRIALS IN THIS MATTER.

THE FIRST TRIAL WAS DISMISSED DUE TO THEIR WITNESS LYING UNDER OATH. THE PROSECUTOR CHOSEN TO CONDUCT THE TRIAL WAS FAR TOO JUNIOR TO HANDLE A CASE OF THIS MAGNITUDE. ALSO, AT LEAST ONE CRUCIAL WITNESS, A FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER OF MINE, WAS NOT CALLED TO GIVE EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD HAVE ASSISTED THE PROSECUTION GREATLY. FURTHERMORE A MEDICAL REPORT ON ME, STATING THAT THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF ME BEING SEXUALLY MOLESTED PRIOR TO TURNING 5 YEARS OLD, WAS ALSO NOT BROUGHT FORWARD.

THE SECOND MISTRIAL OCCURRED BECAUSE THE PROSECUTOR FAILED TO NOTICE THAT ONE JUROR HAD ALREADY BEEN A JUROR SITTING ON AN EARLIER TRIAL OF BAKER. (BAKER WAS THE SERIAL EMPLOYEE WHO SEXUALLY MOLESTED ME).

THE THIRD MISTRIAL WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT TURNED OUT THAT BAKER KNEW THE JUDGE.

THE FOURTH TIME MY CASE WENT TO TRIAL, WE WERE WINNING. I HAD WITNESSES AND I HAD PROOF. HOWEVER, BAKERS SOLICITOR HAD THE CASE DISMISSED ON A TECHNICALITY DUE TO THE NUMBER OF MISTRIALS PRECEDING. MY ATTEMPTS TO APPEAL HAVE BEEN SQUASHED DUE TO THE NUMBER OF MISTRIALS.

THE EVIDENCE OF ABUSE AGAINST ME THAT IS
CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IS OVERWHELMING.

I WAS A WITNESS AT THE FORDE INQUIRY AND IN
THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS I HAVE HIGHLIGHTED
'E' WHICH IS ME.

I AM PREPARED TO GIVE EVIDENCE AND
APPEAR AT ONE OF THE HEARINGS.

MY NAME IS HELEN CARTER (CHOLLTAUGH)
AND MY DETAILS ARE LISTED BELOW.

YOURS FAITHFULLY.

HELEN CARTER.