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Senate Standing
Committee on
Community Affairs



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To Whome it may CONCERN

I was put in
Parramatter Girls home AGE 13. One
commital to ORMOND 2 to PARRAMATTER AND
2 to HAY 1962-63 64-65. FOR RUNNING AWAY
from home. From a CRONICALLY ill Mother
AND A VERY VOILENT FATHER.

I got HERDED threw court NO rights.
NO questions ASKED WHY I RAN. I WAS
committed to 9 months for UNCONTROLABLE
AND EXPOSED to MORAL DANGER.

I WAS Put in CARE of the State GOVERNMENT
AND DEPARTMENT of Community Services.
We were LOCKED up with MORE VOILENCE
AND MENTAL ABUSE than ANY ONE could
EVER Begin to imagine.

I WAS A YOUNG white AUSTRALIAN Girl.
IN GOVERNMENT CARE.

MY ABUSE CAME FROM

GORDON Gilford - RON WARD - Percy Mayhew.
DR Blow Psychiatrist - State Government
Department of Community Services (D.O.C.)

AND ANY ONE ELSE THAT KNEW what was
happening to us AND NEVER SPOKE out.

Child Welfare has said "INCORIGIBLE Girls"
that was written

"BAD Beyond CORRECTION OR Reform."

I WAS BASHED - I WAS KICKED I WAS
MENTALLY ABUSED ALL THE TIME I WAS

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LOCKED UP IN CARE.

I WAS TOLD ALL THAT TIME THATS ALL I WAS GOOD FOR.

I HAD MY HANDS HELD BEHIND MY BACK, HAIR HELD AND MY HEAD BASHED INTO A LOT OF SINKS IN THE SHOWER BLOCK AND LOST QUITE A FEW TEETH. BY TWO MALE OFFICERS.

I WAS GIVEN LARGACTIL AND SPAT IT OUT. THATS WHY I COPPED THE BASHING AT that time. I WAS SICK OF TAKING IT ALL THE TIME AND BEING LIKE A ZOMBIE.

LARGACTIL IS A HEAVY DRUG USED FOR THE MENTALLY ILL FOR PHYCLOSE. IT HAS LONG LASTING BAD AFFECTS.

I AM NOW 55 YEARS OLD AND NEVER HAD A MENTAL DISORDER IN MY LIFE.

WHAT RIGHT DID THEY HAVE? TO GIVE THIS TO ME AND SO MANY OTHER GIRLS.

HOW CRIMINAL ARE THEY?

NO ONE EVER CHECKED UP TO SEE WHAT CRUEL, SICK DISENTER MONSTERS WE WERE IN CARE WITH.

AFTER LOSING MY TEETH. I WAS PUT IN ISOLATION FOR 48 HOURS. WHERE THEY WOULD COME DAY AND NIGHT WHEN THEY FELT LIKE TORMENTING ME. TO GO INTO THE COURT YARD OFF THE CELLS, MAKING ME GET UNDRESSED IN FRONT OF THEM. GUILFORD + MAYHEW. STAND UNDER A COLD SHOWER, NO WALKS, ONLY THE ONE THE SHOWER CAME OFF. FOR AS LONG AS THEY PLEASED.

THEN TO DETENTION FOR 3 WEEKS.

③ Solitary Confinement.

THEY LOVED to come and see what they had done to ME. PLAY little games SMART REMARKS BACK AND FORTH. WHILE I could barely lift my head I WAS SO SORE I WAS in agony. BUSTED HIPS BLACK EYES BRUISED, TEETH MISSING.

"See how Big She is Now"

Well I WASN'T AND NEVER thought I WAS any thing other than A young Girl going thru hell. I JUST wanted to DIE.

THEY TOOK ME OFF LARGACTIL AT THAT TIME. I DIDN'T RELISE I WAS going thru WITHDRAWALS, it WAS LIKE RIDING A ROLLER COASTER WITH OUT BRAKES.

I WAS ANGRY hurting + hating.

WHEN I Got out of Detention I HAD ENOUGH I TRIED to ABSCOND.

WHO GAVE THEM THE RIGHT TO DO THIS? THEN THERE WAS! "HAY INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS"

HAY WAS ASYLUM FOR INSANE

P.O.W. PRISONER OF WAR COMPLEX.

A MATERNITY HOSPITAL

How they MADE it humane enough for a Maternity Hospital I will never know.

BECAUSE AS YOUNG GIRLS the horror inhumane PLACE it WAS, NO ONE could EVER COMPREHEND. We Lost EVERY thing there. We LOST OUR SPIRITS. We LOST OUR THINKING AND A LOT LOST there MINDS.

In the Culture Museum of Hay it SAYS. "IT WAS A EXPERIMENT"

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By CHILD Welfare.

THE Aim of the Goal was "Perfection"
"HAY MEANT HORROR" THEY SAID.

You had to go to a Psychologist
to MAKE SURE you could "HANDLE the
PRESURE at HAY"

"THEY would MAKE OR BREAK US"

YOUNG GIRLS THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT
10 AT A TIME - 6 FT APART AT ALL TIMES.
^{EYES DOWN}

NO EYE CONTACT AT ALL IT WAS ALL

Regemental. CLICK HEELS ATTENTION, STAMP
feet. MARCH EVERY WHERE. SWING BLOCK-

BUSTERS BREAK BRICKS. FULL ON DRINK

10 minutes A DAY to TALK. 7 AM out of cell
5-30 LOCKED UP AGAIN. NO WIRELESS NO BOE
NO VISITORS JUST A BIBLE in our cell.

WHEN we went in first we ^{WERE} LOCKED in
A cell. freshly painted. We had to SCRUB ALL
PAINT off WANKS with A BRICK + WIRE BRUSH.
I WAS SO. — SCARED I WAS TOO SCARED TO
EVEN BREATHE. TODAY I STILL BREATHE SO
SHALLOW. BECAUSE OF IT.

I WAS MADE STAND AT THE END OF
my Bed for hours, BECAUSE I WAS
ASLEEP with the BLANKETS OVER my head.
night + sleep wean't EVEN OUR TIME.
we had NO schooling at Parramatta or
Hay. We EVEN had to SHOW OUR MODESS
PADS at Both Parramatta AND Hay BEFORE
we could get A new one.

WHO MADE ALL THESE Rules UP
WHO TOLD THEM THEY COULD ABUSE US
LIKE they DID. TREAT US LIKE WE

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WERE NO ONE NOTHING. DIRT. PUNCHING BAGS.

IT WAS ALL ABOUT POWER AND STILL
IS ABOUT POWER.

IN MY REPORT FROM FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
BEFORE I WENT TO HAY. IT SAID

"THAT IN RECENT WEEKS AT G.T.S. WILMA
HAS SHOWN SOME OBVIOUS ANXIETY,
IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO WARN THE MANAGER
OF HAY OF THIS RECENT EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE
IN CASE THIS SHOULD PERSIST OR BE
IN HANCED AFTER TRANSFER.

Consultant Psychiatrist

(COPY TO SUPERINTENDENT)

13-11-64

THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO NEED FOR
ALARM. BUT MANAGER SHOULD BE INFORMED
OF THE ABOVE SO THAT THEY CAN WATCH

REACTIONS. 13-11-64

TRANSFER ARRANGED. 13-11-64.

ADVISED + ARRANGED. 13-11-64

SENT TO HAY

THERE WERE 4 SIGNITURS IN ONE DAY. AND
I WAS UNSTABLE. HOW COULD 4 PEOPLE AGREE
TO THAT WHEN IT WAS A "MAKE OR BREAK"
SITUATION. IT WAS ALL BIG BOOTS AND
POWER. THATS WHY.

I COULD GO ON. THIS IS THE 5TH
TIME I'VE WRITTEN THIS AND CLEANED
MY WRITING AND HATE, LANGUAGE UP TOO.
SO I COULD SEND IT IN TO BE READ
AND, HOPEFULLY BE READ AND TAKEN
NOTICE OF.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THESE
MONSTER'S WERE HAND PICKED + GIVEN
A BOOK OF RULES OR WERE ^{THEY} TOLD TO DO

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What-Ever they chose to Do.

Witch WAS SCREW young Children's Lives UP.
ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAS BEEN NAMED
AND DEPARTMENTS. SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE
A ROYAL Commission AND MADE ACCOUNTABLE
FOR WHAT they HAVE DONE. OR maybe it
is too hard for the State Government to
ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY.

We've had to cope all these years so why
shouldn't they. We NEED AND WANT this
to happen for Ann that were DAMAGED

At a young AGE IN CARE.

People need to know the inside Storys of
institution life. We need to BE
heard.

I would like this
to Be Documented
for Public use.

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Second Submission

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To Whome it may concern

I have something that needs
to go on record. Not as a no good worthless
kid, as I was looked at and made feel.

But as a young girl 14½ who was hurting
hating + scared, ASHAMED + VERY worthless.

I D ABSCONDIED FROM ORMOND "THERNLEIGH".

Got PICKED UP AND COMMITTED to PARRAMATTER
GIRL'S SCHOOL. "WHY it WAS CALLED GIRLS School ILL
NEVER KNOW" for 9 months. "EXPOSED to MORAL

DANGER" witch WAS RIGHT, I WAS EXPOSED to MORAL DANG

WHILE I WAS OUT I Got gang RAPED

THEY CALLED it ONION By 6 DIRTY SLEAZY
BIKIES AND Got V.D. I WAS SCARED ASHAMED
+ felt VERY DIRTY AND HAD NO ONE to TALK too
I WAS IN CARE AWAY from home ^{FOR} BEING EXPOSE
to MORAL DANGER "Violence" MY DAD.

NO ONE ASKED WHERE I Got V.D from, NO ONE
COUNCELLED ME, INSTEAD I got Punished By
isulations, KICKING BASHINGS, I USED to self
destruct PUTTING sewing NEEDLES in my ARMS
Legs AND NO ONE still ~~WKEO~~ KNEW OR CARED that
I HAD A PROBLEM. I WAS ASHAMED worthless.

I went THREW 15 months of PURE HELL
5 months PARRAMATTER - 5 months HAY - 5 months
PARRAMATTER, 15 months. I WAS OUT of CONTROL
AND NO ONE ASKED WHY.

I went BACK to PARRAMATTER ^{AND HAY} AGAIN After
going home to the same situation Violence
I DID the SAME TRIP AGAIN only 9 months
Still HADNT TALKED to ANY ONE About
my Rupees Still Feeling Dirty + Worthless

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SINCE SPEAKING AT THE INQUIRY THIS IS A BIG HARDEL FOR ME, IT OPENED FLOOD GATES I COULDN'T CLOSE I'VE NEVER TALKED ABOUT MY RAPES LET ALONE TO WRITE A PUBLIC SUBMISSION ABOUT IT IT FEELS GOOD. IT WAS SOMETHING I WAS ~~DETERED~~ ^{DETERED} TO ME AS A CHILD. SO IT CAN BE PUT WITH THE REST OF THE HORRIFIC SUBMISSIONS WHERE IT BELONGS PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

WITH ALL THE REST OF THE DISGUSTING CRIMINAL STORIES FROM CHILDREN NOW ADULTS IN STATE CHURCH-FOSTER ~~AND~~ CARE. INSTITUTIONS FOR CENTURIES AGO THREW MY JOURNEY I WILL NO LONGER BE CAUGHT UP IN THIS SYSTEM, FROM THE AGE OF 5¹⁹⁵³ DALMAR WESLEY MISSION TO NOW 56. WE CAN NEVER RECLAIM WHAT'S PAST BUT WE CAN HELP CHANGE THE SYSTEM FOR TODAY + FUTURE. CHILDREN WE CAN WORK THREW THE DIVERGENT SABOTIC CRUEL INHUMANE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPEND AS VONARABNE SCREWED UP KIDS ABANDONED AND HOPEFULLY CHANGE THE WAY OF LOOKING AT CHILDREN + TREATING CHILDREN, LOOKING INSIDE "NO CHILD WAS BORN BAD"

I CAN CARRY MY EMOTIONAL SCARS FOREVER BUT WITH STRENGTH. ONE THING I WILL NEVER FORGIVE OR FORGET IS MY FIRST BORN SON THAT WAS CARELY + DECIETFULLY TAKEN FROM ME BY WELFARE I WAS TAKEN BY MY MUM FOR 3 ABORTIONS RUN FROM THEM ALL I WISH ID HAD IT NOW I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ALL THIS PAIN STILL TODAY. WELFARE MADE ME SIGN PAPERS BEFORE AND AFTER THE BIRTH I NURSED MY SON. TWO DAYS AFTER DISCHARGE I WENT BACK TO TRY + GET HIM THEY SAID I HAD NO RIGHT HE'D ALREADY GONE. I HAD NO RIGHT ALL MY LIFE I WALKED AWAY COULDN'T REMEMBER HOW OLD I WAS OR WHEN HE WAS BORN. I WROTE TO ADOPTIONS WHEN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CAME IN. THEY SAID HE GOT ADOPTED 6 WEEKS AFTER HIS BIRTH HE WAS BORN 1966

I WAS 18 AND 17 DAYS OLD NO LONGER BELONGING TO THE WELFARE SYSTEM I HAD A RIGHT THEN AND NOW.

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THEY TOOK MY BABY WELFARE TOOK MY
BABY. I STILL WONDER + GRIEVE FOR MY BABY
I HOPE ALL CARER'S OF TODAY TAKE NOTICE OF
OUR DIRTY ROTTEN PAST HISTORY AND LEARN
FROM THE MISTAKES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE FOR
GENERATIONS IT'S A SENATE INQUIRY TO BE PULLED
TO PIECES TO INVESTIGATE THE PAST THE WRONGS
AND HOW IT DIDN'T WORK. IT'S NOT A INTERNAL
INQUIRY WHERE YOU HAVE THE CURRENT POWER IN
CHARGE. IT WILL BE GREAT AND VERY EMOTIONAL
TO SEE THE HAND OVER OF OUR PAST AT LAST
TO GO ON PUBLIC RECORD IT DID HAPPEN IN ALL
STATES IN AUSTRALIA BEHIND WALLS AND STILL
IS. ITS OUT OF CONTROL. THE THREE WISE MONKEYS.
WELL THATS ALL SHIT. "WE SEEN" "WE HEARD" AND
"NOW WE SPEAK"

THE SIX SENATORS THAT SAT THREW THE INQUIRY
SEEN HEARD AND FELT ALL WHAT WE WENT THREW THEN
AND NOW. THERE RECOMENDATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN NOTICE
OF. ALSO THE ONES WORKING ON THE COMMITTEE FOR READING
AND TAKING ALL OUR DISCUSSING PASTS INTO THERE MINDS
THE ONES THAT SHOULD HAVE SAT THREW THE INQUIRIES
ARE THOSE THE RECOMENDATIONS WILL GET HANDED DOWN
TO SO THEY COULD SEE THE FACES HEAR + FEEL THE
TRUTHS OF THE CHILDREN THAT SPOKE OUT NOW WE
HAVE AGED BUT THE CHILD STAYS WITHIN.

THANKS TO CLAW + SENATOR ANDRE MURRY FOR MAKING
THIS POSSABLE.

"UNDERSTANDING, LOVE, DISCIPLINE, HEALTHY DISCIPLINE
IS WHAT ALL CHILDREN NEED. A SECURE SAFE PLACE
TO GROW IN

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