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The Secretary,

Senate Committee on Affairs of the Community

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have written this letter after talking to you on the phone.

Sorry I've left it this long but you see I don't like to think about the past, it was too damaging.

You can't heal the scars of child abuse by words.

Loving actions speak louder than words.



Yours Sincerely  
David McMillan

I was made a ward of the state of Utah (1965) but was already incarcerated in your children's home with my mother (deceased) 1/2 year prior (1963) We were placed into Young Care for care & protection after suffering life threatening child abuse by my father (deceased) My Mother precipitated his old time behaviour she had been sexually abused by her grand father as a child. She died (1998) He died (1999) he both died in my heart when I was 8 years old.

My brother beat me into the bath slab then placed my head at the base of Burlington <sup>Ballpark</sup> as he thought they were only Abused & Coerced (1985)

- 1) had 4 children homes and 11 schools that has effected my social skills I can't relate to people I don't ask questions I have to use my intuition to define problems.
- 2) My feet are deformed (toes) neglected practices in shoes allocated in homes can't wear boots for long even feel corns, she they gave me small shoes so I could fit.
- 3) teeth deformed missing due to terrifying physical abuse by your desecrating dentist I was slapped across the face and and abuse to quieten me, but was

so a crowd of doctors + dentists.  
 they also tied my arms + legs down  
 and sat on my lap to look at my  
 teeth. I used to hide so they couldn't  
 find me, but they did.

I was physically + sexually abused  
 in your case from the age of 8 till 14 1/2 years old  
 when I was relegated to my mother.  
still under age. (1969)

I wet the bed due to emotional  
 problems I could not solve it, I still  
 do at times as a 49 year old male.  
 Because of this I was the most  
 abused of the cottage parents  
 who were in charge of me.

- ① Physical whippings to the back + cane.
- ② Cold showers
- ③ Face rubbed into wet sheets
- ④ left to stand in wet pyjamas for 1 hour  
 or more at other times, before whippings began.
- ⑤ No pocket money
- ⑥ No TV (black & white)
- ⑦ No supper (milk + 2 biscuits)
- ⑧ No interaction with other boys
- ⑨ No outings

These abuses were a daily occurrence  
 for 12 months in the Gordon Boys Home  
 in Heide Melbourne. Mr. May (German)  
 was the abuser.

When his daughter was raped by someone <sup>older</sup> in one of the other cottages all the boys were targeted.

I was sexually abused before I was placed into the Boarding House where the abuse was perpetrated by other boys in Terengganu Youth Training Centre (1985) <sup>Malaysia</sup>. My brother and I was placed here while they were waiting for space beds in other homes. It was a prison and we shouldn't have been put there. My brother and I were raped & I was always afraid of retaliation and I was always afraid to have sex with the girl and was picked up & battered for months (hell on earth). I was also sexually abused with <sup>at the age of 12</sup> <sup>by my step father</sup>. I was released to my mother in Ballinacree and under the age of 15 Neglected only to be put back into another children's home. She couldn't afford it and her drunken partner (deceased 1977) wasn't working, just drinking.

I had 4 Children's Homes and 11 schools in my life. This has affected my social relations with the people. I'm scared of women & only <sup>have</sup> failed relationships. I have trouble in relating to men.

I abuse & punish myself, I stay away from people,  
 I had a breakdown in 1994  
 and spent some weeks in a mental  
 clinic (Ballarat) after the breakdown of my marriage  
 I am now on disability pension

① The Homes in question was the  
 Warrawee Reception Centre Victoria street  
 County Geelong, Ballarat.

② Torrens Youth Training Centre Melb.

③ Gordon Boys Home, Highett Melb.

④ St. Cuthberts Child Home, Eltham Victoria

I was a quiet student shy and not  
 good at school I had trouble interacting  
 with other kids. Now self esteem, confidence  
 due to having the life bashed out of me  
 as a defenceless child.

The abuses also continued at St. Cuthbert  
 Children Home due to the same thing.  
 Mr. Houghton used to hit me, he was  
 the governor. He later employed Mr. Spier  
 to watch over us, he had 2 boys in his  
 home, at which he should have to.  
 This home was run by the Anglican  
 Church and we had Religion before  
 breakfast at the chapel everyday  
 and at church on Sundays.  
 Brainwashed and abused

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I was told by State + Govt <sup>Realt</sup>  
2000 that they would put my  
name on them like if things changed.  
But if I wanted to do anything about  
it I would need \$5000, 15 to 20 years ago.  
No witnesses, I would have to claim within  
5 years of the time I claimed disability pension  
and ? etc etc

I would not get myself through that  
type of trauma and only to have  
a religious course tell me I haven't  
suffered enough. (The Judiciary took possession of me  
that's like telling the jury that  
the had to see me happen.)  
"I AM A VICTIM NOT A CRIMINAL"  
of your neglectful child murdering  
practices.

And I should not be put through  
a criminal court to see if I'm  
lying + guilty. And I won't be.

I am an orphan and the least you  
can do for me is to give me  
a home of my own. (ORPHANS ARE HOMELESS)  
Then I would know that the government  
was sorry and after all this time  
was taking responsibility as my foster parents  
I was made a state ward and I still  
belong to you.

There is more I can say but I

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don't want to think about any of this any longer.

I hope my plea will help others who were terrorized by Aush and Fernando.

I have always dreamed of being like other kids on TV, I even tried playing my violin on the streets of Albany and parents would bring the kids to do an artist dance stop to my music, but I couldn't hold my head up and be proud because I'm ashamed of myself.

I wrote to John Ford in 2000 asking him could he help me get into NIDA so I could become an actor and contribute and make something of myself, but he never even responded to my letter.

NIDA is the only institution that has courses relating to child abuse and healing the trauma, so the person can proudly express themselves. Abused children have great difficulty in self expression, due to the feeling of shamefulness, and feeling of non-acceptance.

Yours Sincerely  
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