

To the Senator Andrew Murray —

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To The Federal and The State Governments:

I appreciate what Senator Andrew is doing in exposing past events about institutions within Australia but I want to make some matters really clear. I want to remind the government that my childhood was under their responsibility when assigned over as a ward-of-the-state. This matter is both the State and The Federal responsibilities. Tying to op-out of this responsibility by using the Salvos as an inquired excuse for knowledge about orphans is shameful! The government can check who was registered as wards of the state like every other state in Aussie Land.

My unfortunate plight started when the Salvation Army's rules had to comply with Parliament in conjunction with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty with Children in Victoria. The social workers from that branch must have entered my parents' space and used their powers to subjugate. My parents never received services of support! That organisation is now called themselves Protective Services, a branch of Human Services. Again, they usurped their comprehension of cruelty and/or abuse with my only family in the 90's. They again isolated and pushed their mistaken issues into an already over loaded Magistrate Court. Protective Services never arrange counselling with the whole family together before doing so! Now, I live a life of destitution and isolation but for a little help for my friends. I was 5 months with my first occurrence and now 58 with my unfortunate fate to destitution!

Protective Services use powers of persuasions with our teenagers whom ended-up in the house of hate! I had never told my off spring that I was institutionalised then. I did not want them to know something that sickening. My family, at that time, lived through unnecessary crisis of poverty caused by 2 lawyer in NSW, and an Attorney General Department in Queensland about property cover-ups!

I believe there should be a full investigation into the Protective Service Department past antics to sort out what has previously happened to families usurped wrongly. I have information. The courts now required medical proof etc. Then, Human Services started up a Parentline Service because of this mistake. Never helped me! My wife needed help not power games for family destruction!

In the meantime, I believe that if the government can open up matters with institutions, it should supply the finance to do the job properly, not on hand outs! They are responsible for advocating State Wards and can whinge as much as they like but I know what happen to me when in State Ward Care, Minimal payments are an insult! The state and federal governments need to fill its responsibilities and not try to squirm their way out by using us as Test Cases involving Churches! The right and proper thing to do is to act against Churches themselves to obtain compensation after they have obtained reports from us, institutionalised! They allowed these Churches to institutionalise!

Because of religious, State and Federal Government failures, this would be the honourable thing to do for those who find litigation too stressful and for those who have not been given a fair go:-

All Children Institutionalisation's in Australia should immediately be allowed support by justification to a Set-Up Trust. It levied for when they leave their carers.

All institutionalised children whether State Award or what should be allocated ownership to a package of land and a 3-bedroom house in around where they presently live or required. They should not be harassed by any members of Human Service Department and Churches, or enter premises without request.

They should be immediately provided upon recognition with a pension like the Veterans and with Institutionalised-Veterans gravesites with names of institutions. All unmarked children graves site to be as such.

Institutionalised children who have suffered family divorce and seek to bond with their Children can financially have support for a free Counselling Service. The Counselling Service should be of their free choice.

Free Legal Services should be available to cases requested upon. Proper counselling should be called upon when requested upon in some cases. If matter can be resolved before taking matters further, so be it. Etc:-

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