

## Senate Affairs Reference Committee

In reference to the recommendations the era of concern for me are from recommendations 19 to 23.

Support services and assistance to care leavers and their families.

I wish to submit The Esther centre does not give the support to former residents. The submission that was done in November 2008 page 6 is not completely true.

I have seen many people being told no, when asking for assistance. Have being told no myself, and although I can not really speak for other people, I know that having being done wrong by, I will speak of what has happened to me and my family.

I was in deeply involved with Inquiry in 2004 and many other things under HAN now I stay away from there as I can not deal with the way former residents are treated.

They do not keep us informed of what going, even when it came to this inquiry or what was even being looked at.

This is why so many of us are asking if we can still put things in to you and speak, not much has changed in any of these recommendations if anything, the situation is worse and more so since redress started .

I have no support for myself or family. I have had no counseling with ARC since February 2007. I have had nothing for my family.

When I did my declaration of harm last year I was not able to have the counselor that I had being see for 6 years, I was not told why I could not have Vicki, and I had to have another woman by the name of Rebecca Ketton, I was told she is the new head of ARC .

My wife and had to deal with the flash backs and subsequent problems all over Christmas on our own, and I have not been able to work since then.

My wife was told she could no longer go into Lotus place to have support in helping me. The only person that I have for any kind of support is Sue Treweek- and when my grandchildren where taken into care Allan Allway helped with phone calls.

I will give an example of how this has impacted on my life by

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Injury or impact suffered at the time of harm and/or Impacts suffered later in life ( whether or not it still exist now as a result of the harm.

Loss of opportunity

I do not read, nor do I write very well because there was no real schooling during my time in "care" this was compounded with the addition of medical experiments of drug that did not have names at the time, drugs that I am unable to identify today.

I was administered shook therapy and this is a lot of reason's why I have to rely on others that I thought where my friends or in relationships.

I have signed various forms being told all was fine, and later on down the track managed to find out I have being ripped off in wages and many other things that I have worked hard for then subsequently taken from me.

In 2003 dew to bad health and a full mental break down, I had to sell my first real home as I could not work, it sold it to pay debts rather than have it taken.

Since then the insecurity of homeless again was real threat to my state of health.

I have 3 children that I have not had anything to do with, as I felt they where better off not knowing me .

The emotional abuse and humiliation from their mothers meant that I could not stay in the relationships when they got abusive and thing being thrown at me, or what I did have in the way of personal possessions being smashed as I would not hit back, I just walked out

My first relationship saw me having a daughter, and I am just starting to know her, she is now 19 years old.

I did have her on my own when she was a baby and I felt that it was wrong for a man to be bringing up a little girl and there was not help any support at all.

I married in 2003 and it is a traumatic struggle for my wife who does all of my paper work since then, as there is no one to help me.

My wife has also had to deal with suicidal events that once took 7 hours to stop me from killing myself

Since selling my home I have tried to start my own business without any help from Forde foundation, at this stage it is all a stand still as I have has being working hard to pay up some debts ready to start again in the new year .

In 7 years I have only been given a freezer from Forde foundation out of the 12 grant rounds

I have even being told I did not fit the criteria for a Psychologist.

Up to this day I still get abused by the power of Children Service along with my whole family.

My first grandson that is now 6 years old was taken off my step- son and put into care because the grandson's mother tried to kill him.

We tried to get custody for him, to come and stay with us and we where told no, because I have a departmental history.

That history was growing up as a state ward!

They would not let my granddaughter come and stay with us as because I have a departmental history at the time she was 10 months old , she was being abuse in care.

At the same time my daughter was nearly due to have the next child, and they gave her hell along with her partner.

When the third grandchild was born they took him directly from the hospital, the department even took him off breast milk and stop my daughter from feeding the child.

When I told department that they where committing more abuse to me and my family by doing this to my grandchildren because I is a former resident, they told me that was not true.

But it is true, as this happen to most former residents and their families, and when you marry one you get dumped on too.

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