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Vitam impendere vero "To dedicate one's life to the truth"



Juris praecepta sunt haec; honeste vivere, alterum non laedere, suum cuique tribuere

Translation - "These are the precepts of the law, to live honestly, to hurt no one and to give to every man his own".

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ROYAL COMMISSION INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
ISSUES PAPER 10
Advocacy and Support and Therapeutic Treatment Services

*The argument that this was how it was done back then holds little sway.
Denial is shorthand for the abdication of responsibility.
Former Senator Andrew Murray August 2004*

In further response to Issues Paper 10 – we find it emotionally traumatising to read its contents once again resulting in systemic abuse by the Royal Commission itself inflicted onto tens of thousands of women. We forward our submission to be published as it states the truth and should not be regarded by the Royal Commission not to be published for reasons associated with **fairness**.

Whilst our submission may not address each individual point raised in Issues Paper 10 – we believe it is a response to the overall contents of the document – and *Advocacy and Support and Therapeutic Treatment Services* **cannot be confined to an exclusive few diverse groups – that's inequality and discrimination**. Along with other stakeholders Independent Regional Mothers fought for the present Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse with the support of many Commonwealth Senators – where is Commissioner Andrew Murray's voice? We would be shocked into disbelief if Commissioner Murray was acting in a discriminative manner?

A physician once asked Elie Wiesel (survivor of holocaust crimes)

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How does one treat survivors of the Holocaust?” Wiesel replied, “Listen to them, listen very carefully. They have more to teach you, than you do them”.

Therefore survivors of medical sexual crimes must be listened to – or is the hearing aids of the Commissioners turned off because the medical profession is under the auspices of Australia Government who enacted their own illegal policies and practices allowing such brutal and heinous medical sexual crimes (together with abduction of newborn babies) to take place?

We will not ever wear the pretence of denial.

We will not attempt a feeble silence.

We will always remember, because to forget is to discredit the courage of many.¹

The many affected, who came forward with their stories², who exposed the acts committed inside our hospitals and institutions and demanded that they cease.³

Let me refer the Royal Commission back to the Chairperson’s own words as evidence of their own systemic abuse of women who suffered brutal and heinous sexual crimes by medical professionals’ sexual perpetrators.

Our terms of reference provide us with two fundamental objectives: to expose what has happened in the past and to make recommendations aimed at ensuring, so far as possible, that children are not sexually abused in an institutional context in the future.⁴

These words do not discriminate under *institutional context* so why should Issues Paper 10 – discriminate – systemically abuse women who as children suffered brutal and heinous sexual crimes on their bodies, minds and spirits by members of the medical profession?

The Royal Commission is aware that sexual abuse of children has occurred in many institutions, all of which could be investigated in a public hearing. However, if we were to attempt that task, a great many more resources would need to be applied over an indeterminate, but lengthy, period of time. For this reason the Commissioners have accepted criteria by which appropriate matters are brought forward to a public hearing as individual ‘case studies’.

The decision to conduct a case study is informed by whether or not the hearing

¹ Victorian Leader of Opposition (now Premier of Victoria) – Victorian Parliamentary Apology 25.10.2012 – not only in relation to abduction of newborn babies late 1950’s – mid 1970’s but the malpractice and mistreatment (as described) inflicted in hospitals – brutal sexual crimes during pregnancy

² Commonwealth Inquiry into former forced adoption policies and practices – Report 29.2.2012

³ Victorian Leader of Opposition (now Premier of Victoria) – Victorian Parliamentary Apology 25.10.2012

⁴ Chairperson, Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse – address – Triennial Assembly of the Uniting Church



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will advance an understanding of systemic issues and provide an opportunity for institutions to learn from previous mistakes.⁵

Who set the criteria to exclude medical profession from a public hearing? Emails and public address by Commonwealth Senator advised the sexual crimes committed on young pregnant girls late 1950's – mid 1970's BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION WAS PART OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SET FOR THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE. WE FOUGHT FOR INCLUSION.

SO NOT ADDRESSING MEDICAL SEXUAL CRIMES DOES NOT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDICAL TO LEARN FROM PREVIOUS MISTAKES – HOW INSULTING – THE MEDICAL PROFESSION ARE ONE OF THE NATION'S BIGGEST INSTITUTIONS – JUST RUNNING A CLOSE 2ND TO RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS – ON WHOSE DIRECTION ARE THEY BEING EXCLUDED AS PER ISSUES PAPER 10?

The National Apology 21.3.2013, Victorian Parliamentary Apology 25.10.2012 and Commonwealth Report 29.2.2012 detailed malpractice and mistreatment of young pregnant girls by medical professionals – it is well documented the brutal and heinous sexual crimes – so **why does the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse continue to inflict systemic abuse on tens of thousands of women? Inequality and discriminative actions.**

Our terms of reference require us to consider justice for survivors. There are three avenues through which justice can be provided. The first two are the civil and criminal justice systems. However, legal proceedings often present insurmountable challenges, both financial and emotional, to survivors. There can be no doubt that for many people their only opportunity for justice will be through an effective redress scheme.⁶

Following our recent communications with Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse – we find Issues Paper 10 offensive and incomprehensible at the ongoing systemic abuse by the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse towards tens of thousands of non pregnant girls (although may be included as care leavers – care leavers if they have a State Ward ship Number) and young pregnant teenage girls – late 1950's – mid 1970's who suffered the most brutal and heinous sexual crimes committed by men in white coats.

It continually appears unless the perpetrator wore a white collar (cleric) or worked within a school environment – the medical profession continues to be protected by the Royal Commission. Where is Senator Andrew Murray's voice?

The explanation of *diverse groups* in paragraph 2 – page 2 – is discriminative and a clear case of inequality. What about women?

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*Such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with a disability, **men**, care leavers, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people and victims and survivors who spent time in correctional facilities.*

Topic B – Diverse victims and survivors – once again is discriminative and insulting to exclude WOMEN (unless you are a lesbian or an intersex person).

When the present day political scene is to fight for equality for women how a Commonwealth Government can funded Royal Commission clearly display inequality?

TOPIC A – Victim and survivor needs and unmet needs

The first and most important unmet need is recognition for survivors of brutal and heinous medical systemic sexual crimes by the Royal Commission itself.

- I. Independent Regional Mothers is an advocacy and support group for regional and rural women.

Our Mission

- *To continue to engage with women, communities, service providers and government to promote and enhance our truth through advocacy for criminal justice and the health and wellbeing of women across Victoria to achieve our mission we:*
- *Provide information to women and influence policy and practice through advocacy and research*
- *Engage in formal discussions with Governments seeking accountability and criminal justice for women who endured inhumane crimes during this brutal era of our Nation's history as detailed in Commonwealth Senate report 29.2.2012, National Parliamentary Apology 21.3.2013 and Victorian Parliamentary Apology 25.10.2012.*
- *Enhance the well being of women who are still suffering such life time pain and sorrow and to bring truth to their sons/daughters.*

Many regional and rural women still live in silence and they certainly cannot return to their sexual predator and abductor of their newborn baby for therapeutic treatment. We are just as important as other groups – to mention just one *Brave Heart*. We have been continually excluded from meetings held by Royal Commission with stakeholders – not only breaching women's human rights but displaying inequality and discrimination towards women who are survivors of brutal and heinous medical sexual crimes.

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Would the Royal Commission expect a Jewish person return to a German for therapeutic treatment to be convinced the holocaust did not happen?

2. There are numerous *direct help lines for survivors of sexual abuse* already in place with the Royal Commission workers already recommending such services to survivors. There are also excellent counseling services available for metropolitan persons and large regional towns' persons i.e. Geelong, Ballarat etc.
3. Secondary survivors (as referred to) do not require the same advocacy and support as do primary survivors – by putting each onto the same level is incomprehensible – studying child sexual abuse subjectively instead of objectively is reprehensible.

The Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse was to be about **SURVIVORS** and one cannot be known as a survivor (secondary) unless the brutal and heinous crime of sexual abuse has been inflicted on your own body, mind and spirit. What the Issues Paper 10 is suggesting my partner, children, siblings etc. are affected by the sexual crimes committed on my body, mind and spirit – RUBBISH – it is humanly impossible for a secondary person to be affected as a primary survivor – this is not an individual family's Royal Commission.

The focus must remain on the primary survivors and it is no wonder the sexual crimes committed by medical profession is still in the too hard basket if secondary survivors are now being focused on before primary survivors – totally unacceptable.

Topic E – Evidence and promising practices - points

2. What evaluations have been conducted on promising and innovative practices and what have the evaluations found?

ZERO when it comes to women and medical professional's brutal and heinous sexual crimes (and abduction of newborn babies for baby trafficking crimes late 1950's – mid 1970's) exposed in Commonwealth Senate Report 29.2.2012 – Commonwealth Senate Report 2004 – National and Parliamentary Apologies.

Why have these reports been ignored along with evidence submitted to the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse including evidence presented during Private Hearings? Is this question referring to the evaluations of **so called experts – academics etc. who have never experienced such brutal sexual crimes – or are the so called experts' members of the medical profession?**

The sexual crimes have also been exposed under Commonwealth funding

- Australian Institute of Family Scoping Studies 2011
- Draft modules for the training of medical and allied health workers under Commonwealth Contract to Australian Psychological Society
- Commonwealth Hansard and Victorian Hansard exposed on hundreds of occasions by either Commonwealth or Victorian politicians.

To name just a few. So why hasn't the Royal Commission focused on these reports and official records of Governments – Hansard bringing medical profession to justice and accountability? Once again, if the

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Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse is even considering amending its *Terms of Reference to accommodate adopted persons* – we will raise our voices in protest as many allegedly state they were sexually abused by their adoptive parent – they were the legal child of the adoptive person and had all avenues available to them to report to the police under the Crimes Act these alleged sexual crimes in private homes – and have ***nothing whatsoever to do with the present Royal Commission as stated at the commencement of the Royal Commission – sexual crimes in private homes were not included***

Many women are drowning with suicide once again on the agenda for many women – they have been *thrown out with the bath water* by a Commonwealth system that has desecrated, manipulated and dishonored their truth by systemic abuse by the Commonwealth under **past non transparency systems lead by Coalition members – Peter Dutton, Kevin Andrews and Scott Morrison including their manipulation during Commonwealth tendering process and the granting to successful applicants Commonwealth funding to continue to disrespect, manipulate and dishonor mothers' truth.** So is the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse also being manipulated when it has always been believed it acted independently of the Commonwealth Government?

The Victorian Police refused to investigate the medical sexual crimes – yesterday and still do today – and adopted persons have no case for a Royal Commission investigation putting blame on the adoption institution for placing them with their adoptive parents. Any person whether by petition or political motive to introduce this propaganda is introduced to deny women their truth against the medical profession. It is incomprehensible that such propaganda can be used against women – with a possible political motive behind such a move to stop Royal Commission from investigating medical professionals' brutal and heinous sexual crimes.

In a recent address the Chairperson Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse – mentioned forced adoptions and women can only hope that relates to the Commonwealth Senate report 29.2.2012 and the National and State apologies to women.

3. What other learning's are emerging from practice-based evidence or from grey literature (i.e. published reports and papers such as government reports) about supporting adult and child victims and survivors?

ZERO has emerged except a deliberate cover-up of sexual crimes inhumanly inflicted on non pregnant girls residing in institutional care and young pregnant girls – late 1950's – mid 1970's also including present Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse.

As a result of ongoing Commonwealth and Victorian State Government funding to several organizations together with funding for the Royal Commission into Child Sexual abuse - the abuse continues against women who are survivors of such brutal and heinous medical sexual crimes.

IT IS TIME FOR MEN IN WHITE COATS BRUTAL AND HEINOUS SEXUAL CRIMES TO BE EXPOSED AND WOMAN SURVIVORS RECEIVE THE SAME EQUALITY AS ALL OTHER SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL CRIMES COMMITTED BY MEN WHO WORE WHITE COLLARS OR SCHOOL EMPLOYERS AND OTHERS.

***WE DEMAND EQUALITY
WE DESERVE EQUALITY***

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***FROM A ROYAL COMMISSION INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
FUNDED BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT***

Yours faithfully,

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