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The Honourable Marcia Neave AO, Deputy Commissioner Patricia Faulkner AO and Deputy Commissioner Tony Nicholson  
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To the Honourable Marcia Neave AO, Deputy Commissioner Patricia Faulkner AO and Deputy Commissioner Tony Nicholson

After reading the terms of reference -

<http://www.rcfv.com.au/MediaLibraries/RCFamilyViolence/UploadedDocs/Signed-Letters-Patent-22-2-15.pdf> - I submit two documents for consideration by the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

The first document is titled 'Why Violence?' - <http://tinyurl.com/whyviolence> - and offers a comprehensive explanation of why human beings are violent.

I have summarised, extremely briefly, some findings in this recent newspaper article 'Time to End the Adult War on Children' - <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL1304/S00081/time-to-end-the-adult-war-on-children.htm> - which I recently revised for republication as 'Violence Against Women: Why We Keep Getting It Wrong': <http://www.thesleuthjournal.com/violence-women-keep-getting-wrong/>

It took several decades of research to write 'Why Violence?', including 14 years (1996-2010) living in seclusion with my wife, Anita McKone, undertaking a deep psychological examination of our own minds. The research reflects my lifelong interest in understanding and ending human violence. (My family, on my father's side, was devastated by the two world wars.)

The second document, 'Fearless Psychology and Fearful Psychology: Principles and Practice' - <http://anitamckone.wordpress.com/articles-2/fearless-and-fearful-psychology/> - written by Anita, outlines our process in seclusion.

If you wish me to submit these documents by email or in printed form, rather than for you to view/print them from the Internet, please let me know.

I believe it is essential to identify the 'invisible' and 'utterly invisible' violence (explained in the documents above) if we are to understand human violence and develop effective strategies to address it.

Anita's and my personal websites are below if you wish to know more about us and our work.

For a world without violence.

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Websites: <http://thepeoplesnonviolencecharter.wordpress.com> (Nonviolence Charter)  
<http://tinyurl.com/flametree> (Flame Tree Project)  
<http://tinyurl.com/whyviolence> ('Why Violence?')  
<http://anitamckone.wordpress.com> (Songs of Nonviolence)  
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