

Secretary to the
Commissioner,
Royal Commission
into Family Violence.

29 May 2015

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Dear Sir/Madam,

It would have been my preference for my submission to be ~~fully~~ published. However I fear not only my former husband but also his family members. I would nevertheless ~~consider~~ greater exposure, so feel free to contact me.

It may be worthwhile to touch on instances of my ex-husband's abuse for their consistency with many other anecdotes. Analysing these may lead to remedial strategies. However, I have focussed on the Kafkaesque dealings with officers of institutions namely:

The Victorian DHS.

Family Court appointed social worker:

[Redacted]

Magistrates Court magistrate:

[Redacted]

Victoria Police Senior Constable:

[Redacted]

Family doctor: Dr.

[Redacted]

The following is a list of persons (or agencies) who epitomized professional excellence:

Salvation Army:

Accommodation Services,

Court Support workers

Salvation Army welfare agency,

[Redacted]

Social worker:

[Redacted]

Central social worker:

Mr.

[Redacted]

Welfare officer,

[Redacted]

resident

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Maternal Health Nurse:

[Redacted]

Firstly, I explained to them that whilst I had a remarkably positive experience with my child, I was subject to domestic ~~abuse~~^{violence}. They said [REDACTED] they could help me leave with my daughter and obtain accommodation. They then proceeded with a bizarre line of questioning - even confronted me over the use of my maiden name and whose ~~decision~~ it was to hyphenate my daughter's name!

At the end of the "interview", I offered to show them the caches of alcohol bottles - full and empty. They declined. I again raised the subject of domestic abuse and how they could help to which they replied that: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS NOT THEIR BRIEF and to try my friends to which I replied that [REDACTED] never liked me having friend. The stoned looks on their faces, I suspect, revealed their opinion of my mentality rather than my unfortunate predicament of social isolation. Later they interviewed my then husband, telling him what I had said about him.

DHS Social Workers:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Late [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gave an undertaking to Mrs [REDACTED] (now deceased) that ~~to~~ he would

support me in my efforts to secure my children and myself from [REDACTED]. A few days later, [REDACTED] (to whom I had not yet even spoken) was present at the [REDACTED] Magistrates Court to support [REDACTED] in his pre-emptive

intervention order against me.

Magistrate: [REDACTED]

I was utterly confused about the intervention order: ~~again~~ its substance, implications and procedure. The magistrate appeared only to be interested in getting rid of us and rubber stamped it. I tried to raise the matter of how I would be rendered ~~to~~ homeless (without even a care to sleep in) but was ignored. I have since heard that some magistrates are reluctant to grant intervention orders against male partners for fear of them becoming homeless.

(Later having been ~~assail~~ assaulted by [REDACTED] sisters with perfume and a choke hold, she accused me of these actions. Mr. [REDACTED] had no hesitation in finding me guilty)

Victoria Police Officer:

Sen. Const. [REDACTED]

- Suspected me of carrying out an anthrax hoax
- A veritable [REDACTED] who took [REDACTED] side tragically.
- Said ~~my~~ an assault which he inflicted on me ~~wasn't~~ wasn't worth the paperwork.
- Sen Const. [REDACTED] had been the subject of various complaints including inappropriate ~~handly~~ handling of female suspects and alcohol abuse (by the State Coroner)

Whilst the material contained herein is "historical," persons may still be working in the system. Also, I have no knowledge of procedural forms in Victorian DHS (ie: writing of family dynamics, and issuing of meeting notes to "clients" and ensuring that contemporaneous notes [only] are made)

The Husband

██████ had always been a moderately controlling person. The only people who were visited regularly were members of his (dysfunctional) family indeed we saw them most evenings. They were hypocritical of me but I tolerated this as my background had accustomed me to such treatment.

He would denigrate or ignore me in the presence of others.

After meeting any of my (few) friends, he would criticize them. Armed with a contented disposition, I simply looked forward to finding someone who he would like.

From my first pregnancy the level of abuse dramatically intensified. It is my conviction that his behaviour is the re-enacting of his earliest recollections of his father (which he had so often recounted to me). This scenario ~~blatant~~

To the outside world he was a caring, conscientious, responsible, perfect husband and father, - and

victim of a deranged, postnatal depression sufferer. This scenario delighted other family members - and thrilled social workers who could invoke a nascent form of political correctness: How exciting to be able to advance the case of a domestically abused father along with his children against the abusive mother.

Nurse [REDACTED]

There was one individual, however, who was suspicious of [REDACTED]'s apparent attentiveness: Maternal Health Nurse [REDACTED]. She readily identified his irresponsible eating habits; she suspected OCD regarding his obsessive temperature reading and saw through my relaxed facade.

When Nurse [REDACTED] received a phone call requesting her attendance at a DHS case meeting with my accusers, she spoke positively about me. DHS terminated the call.

(Result of malicious reports)

[As [REDACTED]

EAs a young child lay dying on a couch in [REDACTED], child protection officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] paid me an impromptu visit (at the [REDACTED] end of [REDACTED]). They were lucky to have caught me at home - a potential waste of resources.]

Note I believe that this individual was an absolute aberration of policing ~~off~~ since Commissioner Nixon's excellent work (later ~~passed~~ continued by Messrs Overland and Lay).

Family Court appointed social worker: ("Independent")



~~This~~ This man, in the acquaintance of my husband's best friend, a ~~██████████~~ old boy, who identified Mr. ~~██████████~~ as an ex-~~██████████~~

Mr. ~~██████████~~ told me that he would have to rely heavily on information provided by family members and ~~██████████~~. It came as no surprise that his report favoured ~~██████████~~.

When being interviewed by ~~██████████~~ I told him that ~~██████████~~ admitted to me that he was spending \$25 per day on alcohol. This was included in report followed by the remark "that when present with my allegation, "~~██████████~~ POINTED OUT THAT HE DID NOT HAVE THAT ^(KIND OF) MONEY TO ~~BE~~ SPENDING ON ALCOHOL" (I don't know how much money ~~██████████~~ ~~██████████~~ ~~██████████~~ earned but I can say that it was a teacher's wage) I don't know how any social worker could swallow that line.

NOTE: CIRCULAR ADVERSE FINDINGS AGAINST ME (I acknowledge that ~~this~~ males ~~as~~ probably equally vulnerable)

G.P. Dr. [REDACTED]

The report on Background Briefing, Radio National, early May 2015, contained an ~~as a credit~~ about a doctor's response to the male partner's reporting of the female's mental state, which was VERY SIMILAR TO MY OWN.

[REDACTED] came home from the doctor's surgery and said I told [REDACTED] about you and he said "Nothing that a good anti-depressant can't fix." To this day I believe [REDACTED] gave an accurate account of his ~~visit~~ consultation.

Dr. [REDACTED] (who had a very pleasant disposition) would smile when I mentioned domestic abuse so I ~~hesitant~~ ~~hesitate~~ to try to interpret ~~that~~ his countenance, (ie what the smile indicated)

One thing I can state as fact: [REDACTED] gave an undertaking ~~his~~ + in his ~~own~~ presence to get counselling (individual or as a couple). ~~Dr~~ Dr. [REDACTED] never held him to his commitment.

According to Radio National's Health Report, ~~for many~~ GP's simply prescribe anti-depressants and ~~automatically~~ issue ~~referrals~~, long term, without referring the patient to psychological treatment (eg CBT) even though pharmaceutical companies themselves recommend that their medication is to be used in conjunction with other therapy.

This, I suspect, is so how [REDACTED]'s medical treatment was/is conducted.

Salvation Army.

- Provided excellent support in providing accommodation

- [REDACTED], Social Worker, [REDACTED] and
Court Support Service.

These officials asked the questions about
~~family~~ family dynamics, that nobody else did.

Contactisk

Excellent response from Mr. [REDACTED]
Social Worker.

Unfortunately, under the direction of Messrs A.
Abbatt and K. Andrews, I was classed as
classified as one who had left my occupation
voluntarily even though I (subject to an intervention
order) had not even left the relationship of my
own volition. As such, I had to survive in
[REDACTED] for 4-6 weeks on nine meals per
week

This was reformed under Federal Labor only
for Ms Jenny Macklin to change parenting
allowance ~~at~~ ~~eligibility~~ eligibility.

Also Mr. John Howard truncated an anti-
domestic violence campaign to reallocate ~~no~~ funding
for anti-terrorism. We all know which is the
greater evil. Mr. Abbatt has ~~similar~~ similar
priorities.

Finally please consider how my profile AS A FEMALE was used against me and what Rosie Batty's perspective may be:

Family members and social workers: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Welfare Officer); [REDACTED] used either horn of my paradox to arrive at the same conclusion: that I was an abusive liar and that [REDACTED] was the victim

- An uneducated ~~house~~ housewife's

lacked credibility

- A female with an interest in science and technology and criticized unethical behaviours of multi-national corporations, (who surely found babies unstimulating) could hardly be an unassertive victim.

THANK GOD FOR ROSIE BATTY (~~and~~ Lincoln and Churchill could not have made ~~her~~ speeches)

PS- (Sorry): As far as [REDACTED] was concerned he and his [REDACTED] compatriots were never wife abusers: [REDACTED] abused their wife wives

[REDACTED] 29 May 2015