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Dear Royal Commission into Family Violence,

As I, on behalf of my old-aged mother (suffering from [REDACTED] for whom I am full-time carer) and myself, having experienced decades of family violence in many of its forms (physical; verbal; psychological; social; financial; etc) which lead to my mother's breakdown into hospital in [REDACTED] (with relapses at various stages during [REDACTED]) and upon successfully obtaining [REDACTED] year Intervention Orders to protect my mother and myself (though was subsequently breached, reported to Victoria Police, along with evidence of the breach, but no action), and even though I gathered irrefutable evidence such as my ex-father's (note: ex-father as I have even changed my surname after my mother's breakdown into hospital) a) **Written confessions** (via a letter he scribed to [REDACTED]) of various abuses, including multiple death threats "to kill" multiple members of the family; and b) Verbal confessions (via his testimony during the contested IVO hearing at the Magistrates' Court, [REDACTED] of confirming the letters were indeed written by him to [REDACTED], as well as verbally professing to abusing his children and wife, **YET** no Victoria Police action in terms of criminal proceedings (where the written and verbal confessions were presented to Victoria Police; as well as evidence that [REDACTED] lied to Police because "[REDACTED] did not want to get involved"). Please note: Even though possible 'incest' by my ex-father towards [REDACTED] (who was only a baby) were not even followed through by the Victoria Police member (Constable [REDACTED] station).

Victoria Crimes Act 1958 clearly stipulates such abuses and threats as being "indictable offences" where there are no Statute of Limitations in terms of 'time' for the offender to be held accountable for such transgressions. To this day: no one at Victoria Police, at any level (from Constable to Inspector, or even the Police Conduct Unit) has yet bothered to provide an answer as to "why" written and verbal confessions; evidence of [REDACTED] statement misleading police (as [REDACTED] is now married to [REDACTED] and does not want him to know; and [REDACTED] who was to marry, stated [REDACTED] would commit suicide if such incest became public); coupled with a plethora of evidence I have gathered, collated, and presented to Victoria Police, and even I.B.A.C. (who stated they only look into Police corruption), have only told me that "the case is closed. It is not cost effective to have another member to look over the evidence and the brief compiled by the original Constable [REDACTED] who, at so many stages, which his emails also show, was not engaged into the investigation, as he did not even obtain a statement from my mother; did not translated the letters (I had to arrange and pay for the translations); and continually sought to offload our case to [REDACTED] Police, who originally offloaded us to [REDACTED] Police.

I have also sought assistance from Victorian Minister and Shadow Minister for Police, but was only told to take the matter up with IBAC, who subsequently stated my objections/issues did not fall within their scope of duties.

Recently, at a VOCAT hearing in [REDACTED] I asked the Presiding Member if he could provide me with the answer as to why such irrefutable evidence as to transgressions against the Crimes Act,

with evidence of [REDACTED] misleading Police, and there being no time limit as to charges re: family violence; death threats; fraying knives; possible incest, and the Presiding Member, understandably, stated that I was asking for "legal advice" and the Member would be outside his duties to make such comments.

Dear Royal Commission: Where is the justice???

I am sending a folder with evidence relating to aforementioned issues. Please utilise this for your investigations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. As my mother is suffering from [REDACTED] medical and psychological advice is that my mother is not reminded or forced to recount abuses/threats, as this would pose a serious risk of mum possibly relapsing into hospital.

PLEASE help me to help myself (and my mother) to gain justice and closure into this tragic issue of a 'monster' who has escaped justice.

Even to obtain medical evidence/reports, I had to go through the FOI Act, and if mum was to obtain a psychiatric report from Dr. [REDACTED], we had to have a solicitor make a request to the Hospital's legal counsel.

It is as though the abused are not only abused by a family member, BUT ALSO subsequently abused by the various "Systems" (Law enforcement; Medical; even groups purporting to assist Women who have been abused, are not able or willing to help in various matters).

Royal Commission: please help so that this tragic experience was not lived for nothing. Please utilise our unfortunate experiences to make corrections/amendments to certain bodies; processes etc.

Once you are finished with my folder of evidence, please return it to my address. It may be best if you email me as to my address, as my mother and I are planning to go overseas to get us away from the horrific memories.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

P.S. Since I had not received any justice for my mother nor myself in terms of criminal charges against the perpetrator, I have even considered to shed light on our experiences via the media, but refrained in doing so. Royal Commission has much more potential "to make a difference" – not only in my mother and I obtaining 'closure', but to potentially make the appropriate changes so as to prevent others from having to relive our experiences with the "system" – or lack of system.