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Inquiry into Loneliness and Social Isolation in the ACT

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Good morning,

I'd like to make a brief initial submission to the ACT's Inquiry on Loneliness and Social Isolation please.

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Loneliness and isolation has increased for me in recent years, largely due to what's happened following making reports to governments and departments in Canberra when something bad and wrong and contrary to law etc has happened.

After reporting, it only made things harder and worse.

I tried all avenues, many multiple times, the perpetrators being allowed - often actually by the governments and departments - to continue, be assisted with it, rewarded, and promoted.

This is true. This is fact. There is evidence.

The impacts, burdens and costs are continually felt by the one who experiences the events and circumstances. You already feel alone. Then shocked, let down, frustrated etc by the - often intentionally - zero action (or worse) by governments and departments.

When I say impacts burdens and costs, this means:

- safety
- confidence
- doubts
- fears
- wellbeing and physical and mental health
- faith in fellow humans (bystanders and those occupying leadership and corporate positions) and systems
- ability to support oneself financially
- this list goes on.

Rather than support the victim, cover-ups and benefits go to the perpetrator and those who sweep it under the rug.

The examples I am largely referencing relate to workplace harassment, bullying, mobbing and cover-ups.

It is no wonder the national conversations of late are on leadership, culture, accountability and transparency.

But how we handle these issues, has not been "fixed", it will require continual vigilance and monitoring, unless we are ok with ruining victims lives and letting perps run free. Some want that. It's paying.

I would be happy to be further involved in the Inquiry as needs.

Grateful if I can receive a receipt of submission.

Kind regards

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