

# Child Safety **Commission of Inquiry**

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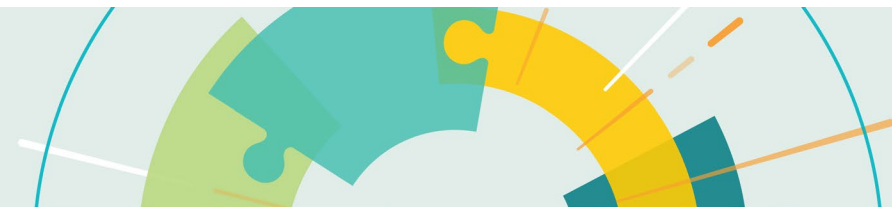
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## Parent 1

Where to start, my submission is regarding multiple circumstances.

Firstly my children, and how the corruption and false evidence has lead me to of lost some of my children to deceased circumstances and also abusive.

Close friends and family frauding and using me for anything and everything.

Businesses liquidated for reasons inhale not been told, trust accounts under 5 different types being accessed with false indenity and then fleeced until I have nothing left.

My father or mother passing? Police refusing to help me due to lies on behalf of another person.

## Parent 2

Dear Commissioner Anastassiou and the Inquiry Team,

Please find attached my formal submission to the Queensland Child Safety Commission of Inquiry regarding serious ongoing failures within the Department of Child Safety affecting my three children.

This submission covers the period from April 2024 to the present and outlines issues including:

- Denial of six-weekly family-contact reviews.
- Lack of cultural support for my children.
- Unsafe living conditions in foster placements (cockroaches, mice, and other pests).
- Intimidation and lack of accountability from departmental staff despite my ongoing cooperation.

I request that my case be considered as evidence of broader systemic failures within Queensland's child-protection framework. I am willing to provide supporting documentation, photographs, and medical information as required.

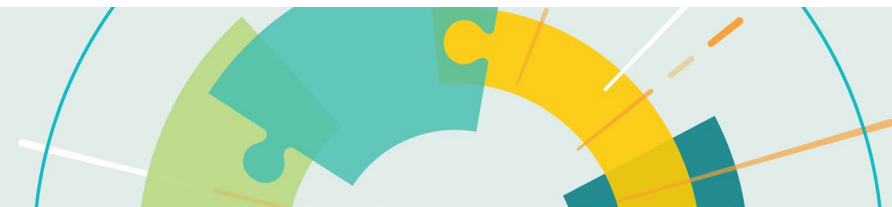
## Parent 3

I have lost my daughter to child safety now for the second time. all stakeholders and myself lodged continual requests for services to remain in place for my daughter. She had verbalised about suicide and self harm due to trauma of abuse and assaults which had occurred whilst in care.

I was constantly told not to report to police or dr due to child safety have their own report system. I complied for many months. My daughter struggled and all stakeholders and myself were very worried about the lack of support when order finished. Was left with zero support.

Had multiple weekly dr appointments to try and hold together while waiting for additional support. Safety plan arranged by gp and prior counselling was to call 000. When needed help etc...

Child safety kept ignoring requests for help. They also refused to share medical records to help with diagnosis. Now because of having to call 000 several time



## Parent 4

Children safety have failed my children in particular my daughter whos still currently in care but has turned her life into that of a criminal one after being assaulted in care and nothing being done for her about it the same reason they wrote me up for and the reason they took my child as she apparently didnt have assault councillors after we moved precovid 2020 due to her and her sister being assaulted by and uncle we took him to court however due to it being a small community town and and also suffering dv from my partners ex partner the mother of his 5 children the reason we moved in 2019, and not only did I seek immediate help ie police and councillors which is thoroughly documented we also sort councillors after moving and support until child safety involvement based on false allegations.

## Parent 5

I am writing in to say that the department of child safety and the judicial system is a complete farce.

I've had my young daughter stolen from her loving and caring family by child safety based on no proof and all because I raised concerns with the education department about harm to my daughter while she was attending her school.

Her school made false allegations about me to child safety because I made complaints about them to the education department.

Child safety refused to acknowledge anything I said and only wanted me to agree with the allegations and only wanted to focus on taking my beautiful daughter away.

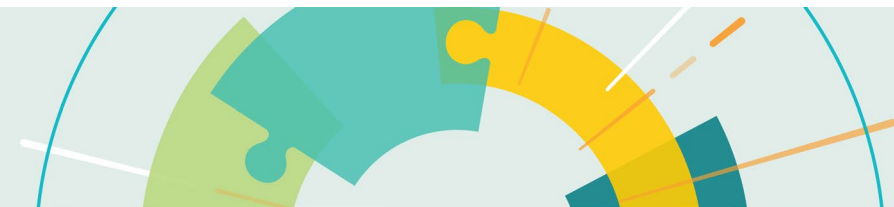
The court couldn't even read or know about my case and only wanted to agree with child safety on whatever they said. When I tried to say something for the one and only time, the magistrate threatened to call security.

The court doesn't care at all about children or families but only want to appease child safety in everyway.

Legal aid is no better.

## Parent 6

My children are subject to harm by a carer and child safety dont care about what they are going through. 2 of my children have ran away and still nothing has happened, my 9 year old is still with the carer and nothing is getting done



## Parent 7

First correspondence with child safety, Domestic & family Violence known. The perpetrator made reports to child safety to gain custody of children. IPA was passed on without consent or correct information. Rushed so That I could not get proper legal representation before closing investigation.

Communication regarding clear expectations of what was expected to keep the children out of care was manipulated. And false information was put in affidivates.

Notification of applications to court weren't advised till after applications made. Information for addressing child safety concerns limited & informing lawyer & service providers delayed or not provided, Leaving myself the parent very little chance of fair representation or addressing concerns.

## Parent 8

I am submitting this statement to assist the Inquiry into the Department of Child Safety by outlining serious concerns arising from my personal experience.

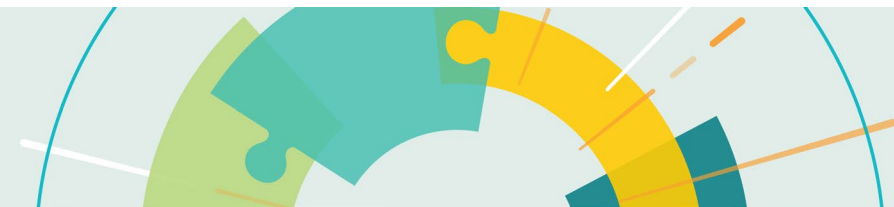
My case demonstrates systemic failures in procedural compliance, evidence handling, transparency, accountability, and child-centred decision-making.

These failures have resulted in unnecessary trauma to my infant son, prolonged family separation, and significant emotional harm, despite my full compliance with all departmental requirements.

## Parent 9

Child safety were aware of high risk DV and failed to inform high risk team. Cso was direct catalyst to his behaviour escalating causing me more physical injuries and phsycological harm.

They provided 3 service refferal - they were useless. Repeatedly stated not mental health professionals and no refferals but multiple times a week interviewing "mentally unwell" Immediate safety plans stated concerned the kids would become "worried and scared" and "seek help around mental health" this was inadequate. directly accused me of taking drugs and i dont know why? They are rude, harsh and judgemently, bias, agressive, egotistical, power abusers. Failed to report child abuse. Ignored child wishes about her abusive dad. Failed to ask what childrens wishes are. Failed to tell children why they were taken. Mised parent on court dates. Perpatrated ex's coercive control and children now have abandonment trauma and are suffering. Openly admitted they went around policy/paperwork.



## Parent 10

My daughter has been in family care and I had to find out through a adult who was a previous kid in care that all the children were removed from the home and the police are investigating I had to contact dcfs to confirm what I was hearing and they confirmed.

Told me they can't disclose what's being investigated and that she recommends to organise a therapist to sit down with my daughter and myself to find out what happened in that house.

I feel like I've been left out and had to confirm what I had heard due to lack of communication and them not contacting me to let me know my child has been moved and is safe

## Parent 11

I am a Queensland mother of a teenage daughter with [medical condition].

For years, I asked for help. It did not come when it mattered.

Instead, intervention occurred at crisis point, and my daughter was removed from her safe people despite my advocacy and provision of therapist reports. These were not followed.

Since entering the system, her distress has escalated to repeated crises, self-harm, and suicidal ideation. No parent should have to hear their child say they don't want to live.

I have remained cooperative, yet felt excluded, dismissed, and mischaracterised.

My experience reflects a system that responds too late, does not understand complex needs, and fails to listen to the people who know the child best.

## Parent 12

Hello

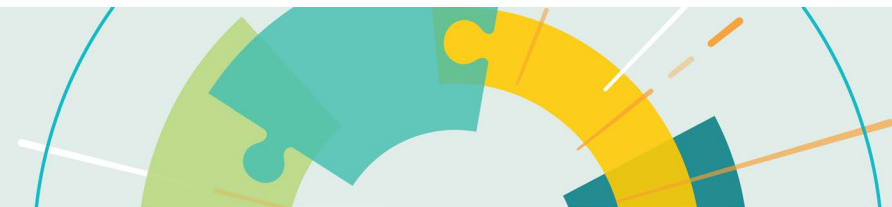
There is way too much to put here with 1,000 word restriction.

I have evidence that shows Office of Public Guardian has not been doing their job of being guardian for one of my children.

I have evidence that a Residential Care Provider failed in their duty of care with my children.

I have evidence that [provider] failed in their duty of care with my children and actively breached the law with regards to the provision of care.

Allegations were heard and documented by a Child Safety Officer.



## Parent 13

- Had routines, therapy, school, happy, loved, met emotional, medical, financial and personal needs. Clothed and fed well.
- Child safety removed children for a week due to drug abuse reports. clean tests, children returned. 2 months later children removed, same allegations, every week extending to investigate more.
- best friend planted evidence of drugs and paraphernalia took pics and sent to child safety. mum and bf teamed up to have the children removed.
- My mum helped bf (Child Safety [state] were going to remove her children)
- Feel betrayed, both did this to my children and me. reports of threats towards mum, with me falsely accused. restricted supervised contact 90mins once a week.
- payments cut. false complaints to realestate.homeless in 2 months. online harassment, no family/friends, isolated.
- eehab in 2 weeks after developing a drug habit to cope.refused to be acknowledged as the mother.

## Parent 14

The Dept of child safety have no understanding of how to deal with kids in their care .They steal children and make up lies The Dept of child safety sends cops to steal kids this is why kids don't like cops .

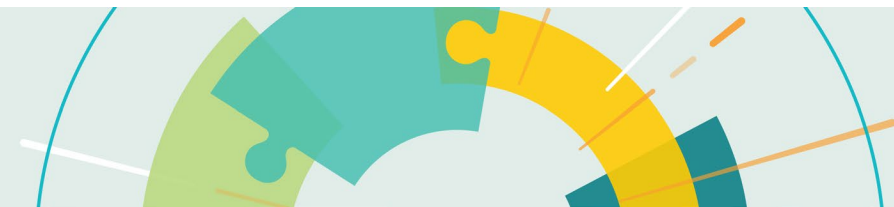
While in care I was physically and mentally and abuse by my foster cares . When I tried telling my case worker She did not want to listen to me .And when the Dept of child safety came to steal my daughter the dept of child safety reckon I couldn't deal with my daughter mental health issues but my daughter was already ingageing with youth and mental health but the Dept of child safety told lies saying that I was not dealing with my daughter's mental health issues when I was talking my daughter to youth and mental health services Child safety forsted me to sign a care plan lying ,they said it was to help her but it was a lie they stole my daughter. To many problems with in the Dept

## Parent 15

The department is doing more harm then good. My children were rightfully removed, I got clean straight away and focused on fixing myself. Nearly 2 years in or a short term custody order and even after clean drug tests a job and stable accommodation there was no reunification plan constant delays my kids at the age of 9 and 11 ended up self placing home and have been home for 3 years. The department do not listen to concerns raised by parents or other family members about placements.

If a parent has cleaned themselves up and maintained consistency provide a reunification plan. I asked for reunification therapy that was never provided. Throughout the process I did everything on my own no support from the department.

When a short term custody order is filed a reunification plan should also be filed and sticked to if it is breached either party can return to court.



## Parent 16

Support around domestic violence and services providers claiming my experience was too graphic and support was terminated and unsupported. The abuser using family to put in false allegations to child safety and police, leaving me unsupported.

Foster carers forceable rough handling my daughter down a slide, left her scared emotional, which I have video footage of. Foster carers allowing the children to call her mum then moving children on at Xmas into residential leaving the children emotional confused and upset.

Child safety negligence of the children emotional and mental well being which will have long lasting affects on them. If required I can send video footage

## Parent 17

I am submitting this on behalf of a group of 75 parents including myself who have been subjected to parental alienation by the QLD department of child safety. Our children removed without any substantive evidence. Where departmental staff have lied in affidavits, fabricated evidence and treated us as nothing less than rubbish. Our children, ripped from their families, placed with strangers without due process. TAOs being the first point of call, instead of the last as stated in s32 Child Protection Act 1999.

In opening statement on 23/07/25 KC Anastassiou failed to mention any investigations regarding initial investigations of the removal of children. Parents and biological families are being ignored in this investigation. Minimal funding given to family support.

Support families first and there will be less children under departmental neglect.

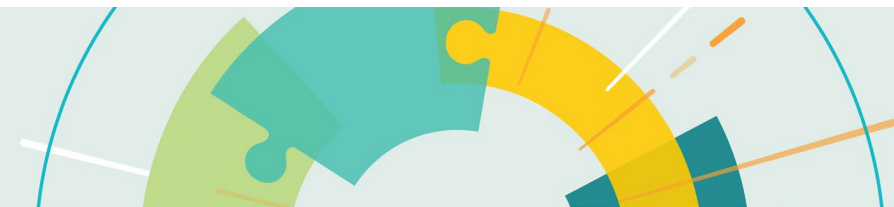
You focus on how carers are treated, but what about the parents?

## Parent 18

During a contact visit, my stepdaughter, disclosed information to me regarding her home environment while living with her mother. She stated that she is fearful of not complying with her mother's instructions, as her mother has threatened to harm herself if she does not do what she is told. She appeared visibly distressed, anxious, and upset during this disclosure.

My partner and I sat with her and allowed her to explain her concerns. She reported that her mother instructs her to write specific messages and to video record her stepbrother, during episodes where he is experiencing emotional distress, including yelling and screaming.

She stated that if she does not comply with these requests, she is told she will not be allowed to see her friends or receive certain privileges. She was crying and appeared significantly frightened.



## Parent 19

This submission shows a systemic failure to protect my daughter despite extensive evidence of abuse and neglect.

I provided psychiatric reports, affidavits, and thousands of texts showing violence from [carer] and harmful behaviour between her children, yet evidence was ignored or suppressed by Child Safety, the ICL, and the Family Report writer. A court-ordered psychiatrist found [carer] a 'significant risk', but findings were buried. The Family Report contradicted expert evidence, reframed my protective actions as 'abusive' and praised [carer] despite her inaction. [carer's] false DV claims, denial of evidence, and misuse of the legal system drained over \$35k and left [child] unsafe.

My attached report outlines events, evidence, and urgent reforms to ensure accountability and protect children.

## Parent 20

My submission is about concerns with the Department of Child Safety:

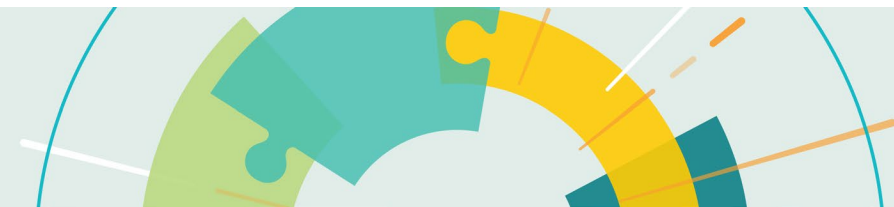
- how they have worked to entrap an Indigenous child with multiple disabilities,
- interrogating my son at length under duress, without any proof of serious allegations,
- not advising of the child's whereabouts and health condition, or the child's significant health concerns (including subsequent suicidal ideation caused solely by separation from parents),
- not advising parents of court dates until after the magistrate had made the decision, delays in court hearings,
- giving parents limited opportunities to provide a defence against serious allegations, thereby denying parents due process and natural justice,
- the lack of professionalism of the Child Safety Officers, making untruthful allegations against his parents, writing lies in affidavits,
- causing significant harm to families without any attempts at reunification between child and parents.

## Parent 21

During my dealings with child safety I found them to be extremely secretive and dismissive. I feel that the CSO that was investigating the case had already decided that I was guilty of all allegations against me regardless of the evidence I have to prove otherwise.

When I showed evidence I was shut down. Contact was a delayed experience. I needed to reach out multiple times to even get a response from the case worker. My children were removed from my care without evidence or fact and i was informed over the phone.

There was no understanding nor care for my wellbeing through out the process. I was left waiting for days without knowing if my children were ok. I have evidence that clearly disputes 95% of the accusations and it has all been ignored and continues to be. The system is a complete failure.



## Parent 22

I have 3 Children and whom of which where severely exposed to a very high level of DV. in which the child safety department where very much aware of.

The start of March 2023 is when the DV within our family was escalating significantly and quickly, and the children's father (perpetrator of the dv) was quickly catching on that i was trying to escape with the children. Took it upon himself to contact our current case worker at the time and report a false allegation about myself which later that same evening resulted in my children being dragged out of their beds and taken away from me as their mother and removed from their family home for over a period spanning longer than 2 years.

After that evening I was not allowed to see nor contact my children for approximately 3 months. And nor where my parents (the children's grandparents).

Thank you for your time.

## Parent 23

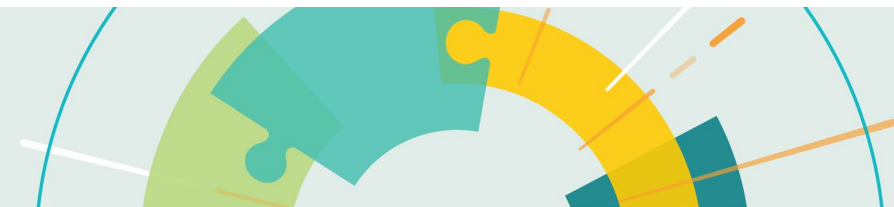
There are DVOs on the father, grandmother and step-grandfather yet child safety still made me have involvement with them even after the police had put a protection notice in place for the children.

The grandmother kept making allegations to child safety which resulted in me getting 8 IPA orders over a 9month period, then losing my children for 12mths, as child safety put my children in the care of the grandparents. Which as cause enormous stress and trauma to myself and children, which we are still seeking professional help for.

## Parent 24

my kids were taken off their mother in 2012. in 2014 accusations of child abuse were raised and blamed on me. however in child safety documents including court documents and affidavits its noted the kids mother and her partner are named as exposing kids ro innaproprate people and adukt concepts. they used these allegations against me in the child protection trial to gain LTG and succeeded it has just been reported this year by a detective that chikd safety did their own investigation and can blame whoever they like and never reported thes child abuse claims to police.

so tjerefore in using those allegations against me in the trial they pervetes the courts of justice to gain whatever they want and defame a father. its also noted that the kids foster parent and cso cowerced the kids into saying it was me.



## Parent 25

This submission concerns a serious situation regarding the handling of multiple child abuse reports involving my daughter, and her sister. I recently received departmental records documenting more than 70 reported incidents of abuse affecting both girls. Despite this, neither I, my stepdaughter's father, were contacted by CPS, for 5 years, so as to assess our capacity to provide love, care & protection.

The documents also contain critique of myself, that I believe are inaccurate and were recorded without any investigation or consultation. I believe systemic failures, possible bias, and procedural negligence, allowed these children to remain in an unsafe environment while their fathers were ignored.

I respectfully request a full, independent investigation into this case, including decision-making processes within CPS, the failure to contact the children's fathers, and the circumstances that led to these children remaining in an abusive environment.

## Parent 26

I have found the way that department child services have not only treated myself and my wife but my 4 children have all been traumatised and given information that is incorrect and also foster caregivers of my 2 daughters are what can only be described as disruptive and totally inappropriate behaviour towards my daughters especially the 12yo whom will be starting high school.

She has been made to feel insignificant and insecure about the choice that I was asked to make for her future schooling because she is of aboriginal ancestors and she being while was told she will be bullied and now she is terrified to go to school.

My 18yo daughter whom was in resident care for a period of about 5 months has come back to me a completely different young lady. She was also traumatised by this situation that just a couple of children service workers took upon themselves to completely ruin my children's lives

## Parent 27

Hi

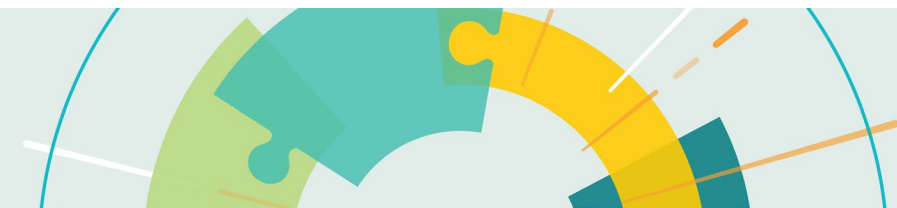
In this inquiry, the commissioner seems to only want to hear from the children, carers and foster carers and not the parents of the children in care.

I am a parent of 3 children in care and have been dealing with the department going on 7 years now. Through this time I've felt like I have not only had to fight the department for my children but the carer as well.

The carer would make acquisition against me to the department that weren't true which resulted into my 3rd child been taking from day care and out of my care and stopping my other 2 children from coming home on the reunification order that was coming to the end. All because she didn't want to see them go. The carer expressed this to my own mother.

Will there be a time that the commissioner wants to hear from us and the experiences and evidence that we can provide for this inquiry.

Thank You



## Parent 28

Child Safety has almost destroyed our family. I am overwhelmed and unsure where to start, but I want to share the full impact it has had on us including the emotional, practical, and ongoing challenges we have faced, the trauma my children have experienced, and the failures of the system that was meant to support us.

## Parent 29

I would like to speak to someone in person in regards to my submission in full as I have issues getting my words out basically I dealt with a lot of things racism or accusations. They remove my child based off my mother's accusations then later came to find she was mentally ill.

I've begged the department for help with other children that weren't in my care. There's just there's a whole heap of stuff that went wrong and really wrong.

## Parent 30

I signed my son into the care of child safety after having no support to help with my sons mental health issues

Since my son has been in care he has been to hell and back like we never imagined.

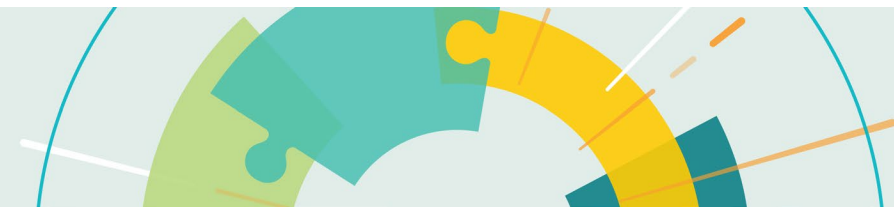
Hes been physically assaulted by carers- it was reported to child safety but they took no action.

He was locked in a room by other kids in care, bashed,

Still no action was taken to ensure a safe place for my son.

He has been in many resses where they are denied basic food and is quite anorexic now.

He wears the same clothes over and over as he doesnt have sufficient clothing lost mostly to other kids in previous resses stealing them.



## Parent 31

The Applicant's interests are materially affected by, and his experience directly relates to:

(b)(i)(ii): Departmental investigation, assessment, and decision-making;

(b)(viii): Impact of privacy provisions under the Child Protection Act 1999 and lack of transparency;

(c)(i)(iii): Failures that impeded the Department's ability to protect children and support families.

The Applicant was subjected to a child protection report and subsequent legal proceedings based on allegations made by a person in a leadership role with the Department of Social Services (DSS). These allegations were made shortly after the Applicant's son expressed a strong desire to live with his father.

Despite the gravity of the claims, both the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Child Safety confirmed that no investigation was initiated, and no risk was identified. Nonetheless, the allegations were used to justify a private Domestic Violence Order (DVO)

## Parent 32

Approx one year ago my child (9m) was removed from her parents. She was placed with Kin for few months and then placed with another family member / kin that family chose. She was growing healthy and parents going to programs.

In October 2025 parents were having overnights with her and told the team leader. She came and saw her with parents and said it is ok that baby can just stay with parents from now on because she looks good and safe. She left knowing that she was living with parents.

Few weeks later, Child safety told parents that she had to go back to the Safe House for no reason. Nothing had happened since she had been staying with her parents, but the family are heartbroken that Child safety removed her from them again.

Child safety did not give family a letter or take another order. Family are disempowered.

## Parent 33

I have been psychologically damaged by the removal of my children.

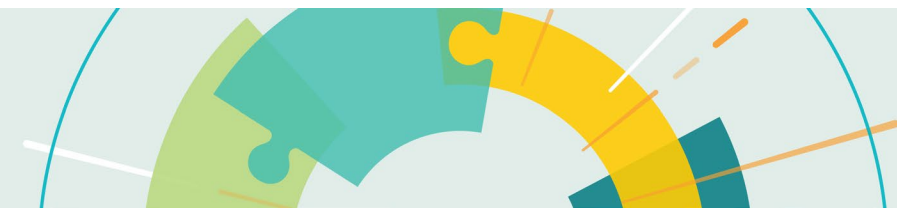
My 12 year old son has false memories of me after 3 years in the system.

My 14 year old son had an eye infection that could have led to him losing his sight. I fought for him to have it investigated and treated. My son was informed by carer's that nurse's know nothing (I was previously a nurse).

One of my son's was informed by a carer that no one would believe his word over hers.

My children were escorted by a carer to my mother's funeral.

My children were removed for "risk of psychological damage" yet three years later my younger boy's have not a psychological assessment.



## Parent 34

To begin, I was under the belief Dcs was there to bring families together. For us it seemed like the complete opposite.

I recently stolen my boys back like they were stollen from me. This was the only way they were coming home. I now have them home legally.

I dont know my kids. None of their medical information has come home with them. Both have disabillities that havent been address. Not to mention their schooling. Neither of them can read ? At 14 and 16. They came home smoking.

Money is thrown at these kids apple ipads? Theyre not learning the value of money.

Their moved from one home to the next, one school to the next. Till theres no homes left and their put in a residential house. Different carers every night, bars on windows? Their not criminals.. They are missing their families. Foster homes are housing up to 13 kids per house. I can go on..

## Parent 35

Hello.

I wish to make you aware of the problems with The Department of Child Safety and lack of accountability and problems with the complaints system.

If there is an issue you must A) Try to resolve it with Child Safety Officer then B) Make a complaint the complaints unit then C) FAAR - First Attempt At Resolution - Try to resolve it with the Child Safety Officer then D) Wait for the Child Safety Officer to notify the complaints unit that it is not resolved then E) contact the complaints unit and ask if they will escalate it.

Many times the Child Safety Officer has not notified the complaints unit that it has not been resolved and on occasion tried to bully me into saying it has been resolved. When they do investigate - if it is SUBSTANTIATED - They do nothing. Even staff found guilty of falsifying documents have not been punished. I put through complaints so that there is a paper trail in the hope of future changes. I have more evidence to share.

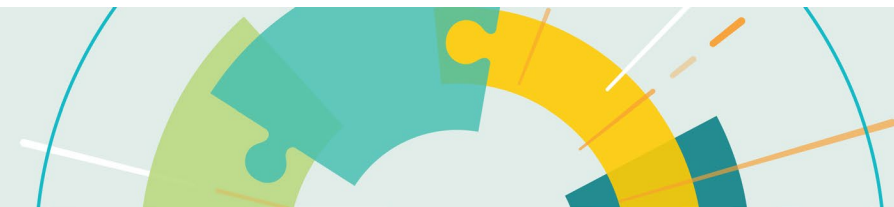
## Parent 36

I wish to lodge a formal complaint regarding the handling of my family's case. My children were removed before I was given any explanation, and I was never provided a liaison officer.

I have still not been connected with cultural support for my Indigenous son. My sick daughter's name was recorded incorrectly when taken, placing her at risk.

Details are repeatedly recorded wrong and follow-ups are consistently delayed. I went to the Department of Child Safety myself seeking help for my son's high needs and my daughter's health after the hospital recommended it.

I have never harmed my children and clearly expressed that I needed support, not removal. I request an urgent review.



## Parent 37

I am a parent of two girls and currently fighting a 12 month directive order. Despite my constant complaint emails nothing has been done.

Over 12 months ago i recieved a ph call from assessment team i fully willing participated in this however they to get thier own way made up different stories in an affadavit to present to a judge one of these was that i had a dvo on me that i did not have. I also asked to be present at the tao hearing and that was ignored. The officers were abusive towards me. My children wrre placed with my ex husband who had a prior no contact order and had breeched a dv order twice.

this has what happened. My 14 yr old who made the stories up is now on the street, been arrested twice, been involved in a serious car accident. Caseplans are 2 months late and despite me begging for help with this beforehand i was waitlisted.

## Parent 38

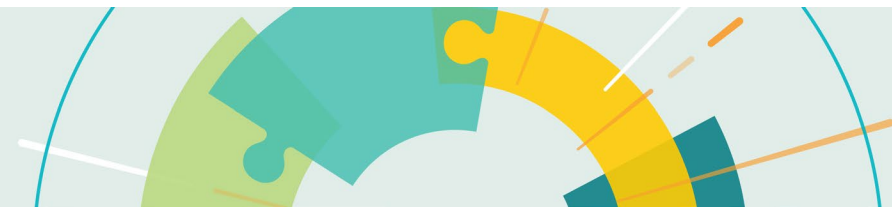
My children were taken into care. I cooperated and fought in the Childrens Court to reunionafy with me children.

CSO then broke the child protection law by taking my new born baby for reasons being I was in a pattern of domestic violence and when that wouldn't hold up they printed in affidavit and disclose false in formation staying I had [medical condition] and those the grounds for taking my baby. Without giving me the chance to prove I had sustained change and false discrimination.

## Parent 39

i am writing today about the false allegations that havr been brought up against me the lies that child saftey has told but also twisted my own kids words and wrote that the bruises have come from me smacking them with excessive physical abuse not one bit of evidence has been submitted to prove their claims also they have not consistently showed up snd failed to obey the orders of a IPA order when asked what support was available i was told they dont have the funding because there was no orders in place.

They had done enough by getting 2 ifs services involved and they have supported me heaps by doing that without any proof they have applied straight away for a 18 year order again eith no supporting documentation other than he said she said I have been extremely tramustied by these events and fear I will never be left alone to have a life with my kids peacefully



## Parent 40

Child safety took my children with no evidence of harm again and again many times. Currently child safety will not contact me for two years now. I have contacted a lawyer and child safety has not responded in 6 months.

Child safety also put my children into the care of a kinship care but that person previously abused me and kidnapped one of my children before child safety intervened. I now have no contact with my children and haven't seen them since they were removed ten years ago. There is no proof of any harm from me at all also. This caused me to be homeless and mental health also ganged up on me and hospitalised me over this for no reason. I continue to be on a ta order despite no proof of illness as well. As a single woman who sole parented I have been harassed by these services including the police and left destitute.

I continue to try to work with these d apartments dispute the unfair discrimination and harrassment and try to support my children through this.

## Parent 41

Past practices have pretended to be in children's interests.

Past practices have more often than not; not, been in the interest of children; but rather in the interest of those perceived to be better than children's natural family members, executed by organisations both private and government, departmental staff breaking laws meant to protect those who, for a time, couldn't do it for themselves, and who, with proper appropriate assistance, could provide a good life for themselves their child/children.

I have attached the following:

- 2012 Response to the Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee Report, Forced Adoption Policies and Practices
- Email separately 1999 Dr Geoff Rickaby Submission to the Committee

These submissions report fairly and accurately on damage to mothers, children, and family members who are separated permanently, names changed, identity, heredity, and culture erased.

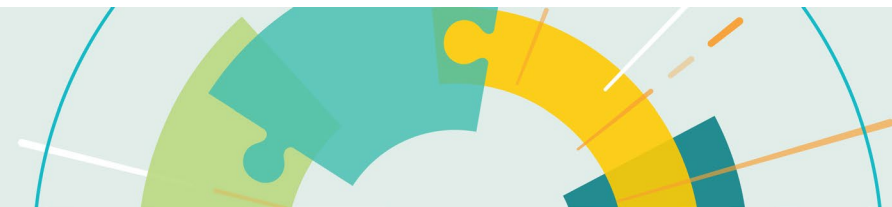
Recommendations are clearly described in the Senate Committee report.

## Parent 42

At hospital with no prior child safety involvement, my 5 year old son was removed from my care. No temporary assessment order was served until two days post removal via email. Removal on basis of emotional harm caused by alleged drug abuse exasperated by unmanaged mental health. Interviewed by psychiatrist at hospital on day of removal. Psychiatrist documented no need for mental health intervention. No ongoing mental health.

The CSO and team leader called me a junkie and told me I would never see my son again.

Despite my requests no drug test taken until date][ when 12 month hair follicle test completed. Results showed negative on all accounts for 12 months. My son was never given emotional support for the alleged emotional harm caused nor for the psychological damage done by forced estrangement from his mother.



## Parent 43

My daughter is currently in care.

Questions.

- Why does the commission not wish to hear from parents that have been wronged by the child safety system?
- I have been told by child safety staff my child does not need to be on care yet she has been for over 18 months?

Facts

- Child was removed from her mother not her father .
- Fail to notify father and family in a timely fashion.
- Child safety in [location] extremely difficult to work with.

My plans moving forward I plan on pressing charges against child safety and the dcpl.

I also plan on developing a plan and place to help families and parents better deal with this broken system.

## Parent 44

I have had dealings with child safety now for over nine years and still continues . I use to be a happy confident person with a career as a qualified nurse respected in both my work and my community until child safety came into my life to turn everything upside down in my life .

They came knocking one day at my door I had no idea who they was but I was stupid enough to open my door and let them in . Worse mistake ever I thought as I'm a very honest person thought I was doing the right thing answering there questions giving them information about my pregnant daughter not realising what I gave them would be used against my daughter like it did .

They literally had me scared and one being a ex cop had a way off making me out to be a no good person he put me down he made me question who I was he made me feel like I was stupid that I should not be a nurse made me doubt myself made me to feel I was no good and it continues today .

## Parent 45

I was reported to Child Safety. In that time I had major depression and the house got bad. Now I have been under IPA for 2 years and now they want to remove my kids for the 2 year protection order.

They told me in front of my kids which has traumatised them. I have done EVERYTHING they have asked. The house is clean. Food in the fridge. But they are wanting them to go to their father who hits them (but they don't nor the police think it's abuse. They think it goes under the discipline act) but yet. If I hit them they way he does. I'll be arrested.

You tell me how this is fair when I have done everything they asked. They expect a show quality type home

