

**INQUIRY INTO SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKING FOR  
PEOPLE LACKING CAPACITY**

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Mrs Maureen Cahill

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Dear Madam

My mother, is now residing in a nursing home. Her former address was 9 NSW. My mother was forced into a nursing home by the Public Guardian, and her house forcibly sold by the OPC with powers given to this regime by the Guardianship Tribunal.

I, Maureen Cahill my mother's eldest daughter, and next of kin, tried for 1 year while living in my mother's former home, to have my mother return home and for myself to be her carer, this permission was refused by the Public Guardian. I was sent a letter by the OPC to vacate the property as it was put for sale by a Real Estate Agent. I was frequently harassed by phone calls during this year by the OPC and after the sale was not called again. ("They got what they wanted the cash from the sale of my mother's house, which they earn interest on). As a result of the sale my mother lost a large portion of her Aged pension.

A better option, in my opinion, would have been to mortgage the house for the unnecessary repairs they were demanding. (I spent \$1,000 of my own money on an electrical upgrade) or to rent the house. My mother, then could have retained her full pension.

But I believe that they wanted the cash from the sale of the house, so that the interest would help pay the fees of the then, OPC.

I believe that my mother's best interest was not attended to by the Guardianship Regime, and that they are mainly concerned with their own benefits in many of these cases.

This is an intolerable situation in a so called "democracy" with the elderly such as my mother being used as a "resource," to be exploited by the Guardianship Regime, to help pay wages not funded by the government.

I would also like to be compensated for being denied the opportunity to care for my mother in her own home, by the Australian Government. This was the long term family home of 60 yrs that my grandchildren will never have the opportunity to live in. My mother is suffering from dementia, (not severe dementia) after a stroke. My mother as her mind was formerly, would never have wanted strangers managing her money as happened. She still wishes to return to her former home, with her daughter, myself, as her carer.

The Guardianship Tribunal should consider what the person would have wanted when their mind was normal. In most cases the welfare of her children would have been paramount when considering her finances. She also made a recent will, before the stroke.

Regards  
Maureen Cahill

P.S.

The Guardianship Tribunal is there to rubber stamp (approve cases) that come before it, and does not properly investigate evidence that any person can accuse another person of.

Many outside workers (mainly in health) support the Guardianship Tribunals hidden agendas of financial gain) by targeting the aged people with houses and assets. A whistleblower, working in the Health industry, reported on this. This is against claims (made by Ipart) that the then OPC is not allowed to solicit for clients.

I believe what I read in the article in the Seniors Newspaper and that these allegations against the Guardianship Tribunal are true. This is an intolerable situation in a democracy such as Australia.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs Maureen Cahill.