

**INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO  
REDFERN/WATERLOO**

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**Summary**

  
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The Redfern & Waterloo Enquiry  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Sirs

I have been a resident of Waterloo for 35 years and am now into my 4<sup>th</sup> year of retirement. Every time I go to my local shopping centre in Botany Road Waterloo I am confronted with groups of sad looking individuals sitting on the footpath staring into space with vacant expressions and eyes that see very little.

I do not know if this is the result of heroin or methadone (we have a clinic around the corner of Raglan St in Botany Road). Some of the young women have babies in prams. What future do these children have?

I never go to Redfern railway station (I'm too afraid); I catch the bus to the CBD & home. My handbag is never visible and I am not comfortable walking in the area on Sundays when fewer people are on the street.

I am eternally grateful that we have people like Sgt Paul Huxtable and Sgt Frank Raetano at Redfern Police centre who tell it like it is.

I would like the Redfern Waterloo enquiry to make use of the Paul Huxtable report and give him a fair hearing. Act on the report and give us – the residents – something to be proud of.

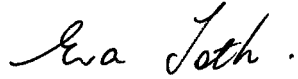
At the moment I feel like cannon fodder for the state government. Does anyone really care for the people who are injured and traumatised by bag snatchers, robberies and other crimes being committed to feed drug habits? The people committing these crimes are addicted to drugs and it is not necessarily their fault.

I would like to ask the Committee one thing. If these problems were occurring in their areas and their children were exposed would this Committee hearing be less of a farce and would the big guns be firing to clean up the mess.

We at Waterloo live in hope and fully support our small Police Station.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eva Toth".

Eva Toth

c.c Sgt. Paul Huxtable  
Sgt. Frank Raetano