

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO REMEDIES FOR THE SERIOUS INVASION
OF PRIVACY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Sandra Ernst

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter as I am a full time carer to my partner who has Huntington 's disease. We live in a small country town and for the past 5 years we have had to deal with our neighbours who have 16 Servalience cameras up around there house. Two of the cameras point into my front and back yard. I have constantly rang our local police to get something done about these cameras and every time the police have told me there is nothing they can do as it's not a police matter its council and when I contact council they say it's a police matter. I am also aware that these same neighbours have recorded a video of me in my back yard on one of these cameras and uploaded it to Facebook.

I have shown our local police and again nothing can be done. It's so wrong I have enough stress looking after my partner who has had the disease for 15 years. This is a man who use to do up cars for speedway and derby's and because of these cameras and the paranoia which is a part of the disease he no longer goes outside. I have put up screens out of lattice and shade cloth to stop the cameras but the neighbour just moves them around till they can see all my yard again. When my Grand children come over to visit they are always worried about being watched...

The same neighbours have had camera pointing into my grandchildren's windows they were warned by police but somehow still get away with it.

All the police can do is tell them where to point them but no sooner the police are out of the picture they move them back.

The camera that points into my front yard down my driveway to my front gates and it's so wrong how people can get away with this.

I have put up with this for 5 years and it shouldn't make a difference if I'm in department of housing or a homeowner. I have seen my partner deteriorate a lot more due to the stress and paranoia of being watched by these cameras. He shouldn't have to be a prisoner in his own home I have spoken to Department of Housing, Law Access, Council, Police and everyone else no one will give me a straight answer. It's getting to the point where I'm going to take my story to the media.

All me ND my partner want is to be left alone and enjoy what time we have left together without be watched, I am seeing my partner die a little bit every day and I feel that its disgusting how people are allowed to do this to a person with any disability and also children it is sick. I also have evidence to support what I am writing.

Feel free to contact me on the number above and also I am willing to do anything that will help to get this classed act a criminal act. That's what I get told over and over again because it's not a criminal act nothing can be done.

Yours Sincerely
Sandra Ernst