

INQUIRY INTO ELDER ABUSE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find accompanying attachment to be taken to the office of _____ MP with other documents in _____ tomorrow (emails etc of our experiences with the OPG). I have spoken to _____ about the matter in July and was waiting to see the outcome of some requests to the OPG regarding my mother before deciding to go ahead in asking his assistance.

In the meantime, we have heard of your inquiry on the radio and hope this might also be a relevant place to share our family's heartbreak over what we see as continuing abuse of our mother, supported by the Office of the Public Guardian. We believe that psychological abuse is just as damaging as any other form. Relevant documentation could also be obtained by you from the OPG and Guardianship Tribunal should you decide to follow up on this. I no longer have the energy. I feel that malfunctioning 'agencies' survive because of this.

We are exhausted beyond belief by the ongoing soul destroying nature of this. All we wanted to do was support Mum's request to go home and the Elder abuse Helpline suggested the Guardianship Tribunal as the only way to do so. The rest is history as they say, although

_____ I fear this might be the end of it despite desperately needing to believe in happy outcomes. The OPG is appointed to handle 'access' until May..without review. To go back to the Guardianship Tribunal again is beyond us now...doing so will be used to further isolate our mother from us. Please help us.

Kind Regards

MP

12th November 2015

Dear

I met with you in July when close friends _____ urged me to ask for your advice. My family's concerns are about my mother who has Alzheimer's Disease who remains isolated from most of her large family despite following all recommendations from appropriate agencies. It appears our crime was to attempt to intervene in the bullying abuse of our Mum/Nan/Great Grandmother, firstly by my cannabis affected brother, and now more recently albeit more subtly, by our eldest sister, supported by the OPG.

I thought it prudent to give you a brief overview of our concerns prior to and since then. We were waiting to see how the Public guardian responded to our requests for access, which has been very inconsistent and unsatisfactory, to say the least.

I am seeking your intervention (on behalf of most of my immediate family) following a nightmarish 10 months where our family has had to deal with the Public Guardian in regard to our mother/grandmother/great grandmother _____. This is a brief outline of events leading up to the Guardianship Tribunal and recent reappointment of the Public Guardian.

In trying to support Mum to “live peacefully in her own home” as she wanted, our large and loving family has been systematically divided and demonised by only a couple of less scrupulous family members. It is even more unthinkable that this should be actively supported by the Public Guardian.

We have lost faith in the system totally.

We can have no faith that the OPG will do the right thing in maintaining Mum’s family relationships even now and ask your urgent assistance please in this. I will be submitting this cover letter to the NSW Inquiry into Elder Abuse and notifying them that you have more information should they require.

Apologies for my somewhat long-winded ‘brief’ outline. Obviously, the family devastation here is vast and we are struggling with our grief over the apparent premature ‘loss’ of our Mum and now

Kind Regards