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**INQUIRY INTO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT
(COMPLAINT HANDLING) BILL 2020**

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My name is **JOHN CHRISTOPHER SUNOL**.

1. Summary

I have had assistance to prepare this, and other documents named here as Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Exhibit 3. Together, this material will provide the Committee with needed facts to consider in their deliberations .

I cannot attempt to properly document my side of the story, it would take a book.

I earned my livelihood by driving a taxi from 2003 until 2012, leasing my own plates from 2006. I have been unemployed since 2012. Currently I am studying for a Master of Business Administration at the University of Newcastle. It has proven impossible for me to get any employment, despite trying on NewStart.

I believe that what has been done to me over the past 17 years by homosexual rights activists outside and inside the *Anti Discrimination Board* is done for a political purpose. That is to make onerous case law, using me as a means to that end.

I believe all this 49ZT case law built on complaints against me should not exist. It would not exist if the complaints handling at the NSW Anti Discrimination Board had already been reformed to exclude pathetic, trivial and vexatious complaints about social media and discussion forum

comments on the internet.

It has all been bought about by fraud and corruption based on my first-hand experience. I have so much evidence to substantiate this conclusion but it is exhausting to recount it all. My being used as a "useful idiot" by the perpetrators has little to do with justice and a lot to do with the homosexual rights political agenda.

The referral of such trivial complaints by the President of the Anti Discrimination Board is done for a purpose. That purpose is not to have the complaints dismissed by the Tribunal. The Tribunal is an institution that serves the political needs of the President of the Anti Discrimination Board.

2. **My acquired brain injury.**

This is a relevant factor for the Committee to consider, because the Hon. Mark Latham made a point of mentioned this in his speech to the Legislative Council on 27 February 2020. He said:

*The worst example is a somewhat sad instance. It concerns a former Newcastle taxidriver, John Sunol. In 1978 Sunol was involved in a car crash that left him brain damaged (read full speech in **Exhibit 1 Attachment 2**)*

Mark Latham may have read the front-page story in *The Weekend Australian* newspaper, by legal affairs reporter Nicola Berkovic, published on 16-17 June 2018. She wrote:

*The Weekend Australian spoke to several members of Sunol's family, including his wife and brother, who are deeply disturbed by the ongoing legal war being waged against him. "Anyone who knows my brother would know he's brain damaged," says his brother, who did not want to be named. Given the extent of the injuries Sunol received as a 21-year-old, his brother says he is "pretty good", but does not understand social norms — he can be inappropriate at family functions — and is unable to put his actions in any broader societal context. But he is difficult to help, his brother says, because he does not accept he is cognitively impaired. Read full story in **Exhibit 1 Attachment 3**).*

I have since had advice to give me more understanding of the specific nature and behavioural characteristics of my brain damage, observed by others but not myself. My academic ability is now OK, but I am told that the residual damage to my frontal lobe tends to interfere with impulse control and makes me vulnerable to scams and manipulation by others.

For medical evidence of my MVA (motor vehicle accident) frontal lobe

damage, see **Exhibit 2 Attachment D "Patient Health Summary"**.

I was advised that the best way for an ordinary reasonable person to understand the nature of my acquired brain injury is to read the story of a man named Phineas Gage.

Phineas P. Gage (1823–1860) was an American railroad construction foreman remembered for his improbable survival of an accident in which a large iron rod was driven completely through his head, destroying much of his brain's left frontal lobe, and for that injury's reported effects on his personality and behavior over the remaining 12 years of his life—effects sufficiently profound (for a time at least) that friends saw him as "no longer Gage." (Wikipedia)

In my case, the car in which I was a passenger (in the front seat) crashed into a tree while doing 70 - 80 miles/hr (113 - 129 km/hr), on the evening of 7 July 1978. I do not remember anything as I was in a deep coma after that for four (4) weeks and in hospital for 2 months. My jaw had been fractured into many pieces and had to be reconstructed. My brain was severely injured by the impact and shock.

After discharge from hospital, due to physical and cognitive impairment, I was only able to work in a sheltered workshop doing repetitive tasks under supervision for 3 years until 1981. Then natural healing was sufficient to enable me to do voluntary work as a cleaner at the Christian Family Centre in Hamilton, Newcastle until 1984. Then I was able to cognitively function sufficiently well to study full-time at a Bible College. In 1989 went to TAFE and achieved a Diploma in Community Welfare. I then achieved a Bachelor of Social Science at Newcastle University, graduating in 1998. I achieved a Graduate Certificate in Marketing from University of Newcastle, graduating in 2001. I achieved a Master of Commerce (Marketing) from University of Wollongong and graduated in December 2004.

3. Apprehended bias of Deputy Chair of Committee

I am concerned that the Deputy Chair of the Committee is the Hon. David Shoebridge (GREENS, LC Member)

On November 12, 2015 David Shoebridge accompanied Garry Burns to a public hearing at NCAT, in one of the many *Burns v Sunol* matters. I was present as Respondent and Garry Burns arrived as Applicant.

Initially I thought that the person was a lawyer for Garry Burns. They walked in to the hearing room together. But this gentleman sat in the area for the public gallery. Then after the hearing I was shown photos of Hon. David Shoebridge, and could confirm that the person I saw with my own eyes was him.

To me, the presence of the Hon David Shoebridge at one of my many public hearings at the *NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal* provides circumstantial evidence that I was caught up in a political agenda.

Attached

Exhibit 1 (38 pages)

Exhibit 2 (17 pages)

Exhibit 3 (3 pages)