

## **Inquiry into Elder Abuse in Queensland**

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**Ross Plowman's Witness Statement to Inquiry into Elder Abuse in  
Queensland 28 05 2025 at Noosa.**

This committee has now heard from government inquiry entities and non-government entities about "elder" or "older" abuse.

It doesn't matter about your age, sex or origin – don't categorise it call it for what it is – ABUSE.

All people need to be protected from abuse – FULL STOP.

Their submissions describe regular and increasing abuse in all forms.

What does this tell you?

It clearly tells you that the current laws and policies are not effectively providing trust and protection to people.

How many government and non-government people are employed in this field and what is the cost?

The abuse is increasing.

This clearly indicates that the current laws and policies are not working effectively.

Changes are needed.

Hence the reason for this inquiry.

I am not going to tell you today about how to fix the abuse.

I am fully committed to participate and assist with change in the future.

I am going to give you an insight into what is wrong with the current system of Guardianship and Financial Administration in Queensland and by all accounts in Australia.

I made a similar private submission to the Royal Commission into Abuse.

When completed and in final form, our future submission to this inquiry will tell you what needs fixing from our experiences over 8 years of abuse.

Many other unfortunate people are in the same circumstance. They are also victims of abuse.

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Not everyone is able to do what we have done in terms of speaking out and raising awareness of abuse because of their personal circumstances.

Much of the personal pain, anguish, mental torment and torture caused by abuse is hidden by not being reported and recorded due to fear of authority and loss of entitlements.

Examples of our real-life abuse will be reported and explained in our future submission.

It is fully supported and corroborated by substantiated evidence.

Our future submissions will also clearly demonstrate the extensive legislative change that is required to bring about the CHANGE needed to stop the abuse and the physical and mental trauma and financial damage inflicted on victims.

Government enquiry entities have admitted:

Full knowledge of the abuse in all its forms.

Admitted that it is increasing.

Avoided identifying the real cause of abuse.

Continually failed in making clear recommendations for real and positive change.

Change that would appropriately, effectively and efficiently reduce or even eliminate abuse.

Government enquiry entities have avoided and failed to make the recommendations needed.

Government enquiry entities have effectively been causing or even promoting the continuation of the abuse.

Government enquiry entities have been betraying the "trust" of the victims.

Government enquiry entities who have already made submissions to this inquiry are devoid of motivation to change and should be considered accomplices in terms of the continuation of the abuse.

Government enquiry entities are "responsible" for change and devising clearly defined solutions to abuse and publicly promoting such solutions.

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Government enquiry entities responsibility is to provide the government with specialist advice.

Government enquiry entities have admitted their failure to "protect" the victims of abuse.

Government enquiry entities have betrayed the victims "trust" by not previously providing solutions to pro-actively reduce and stop abuse by the Qld legislative system.

Why have the Government enquiry entities failed when their express purpose is to protect the vulnerable against abuse?

Enquiry-entities must be held to accountable for "NOT ACTING" and betraying "TRUST".

The purpose of my statement and the substantiated evidence I will provide, is to convince you that nothing less than strong recommendations to the Queensland Parliament for a Royal Commission into Elder Abuse should be made as a matter of priority.

A Royal Commission funded by the Commonwealth Government may get a national guardianship system at Federal level which is much improved, including in terms of reducing or even eliminating abuse.

I will make myself available to the committee for whatever time is required to explain my submission and evidence to ensure you fully understand the seriousness of the current Guardianship and Financial Administration system.

I have inoperable stomach cancer because of the years of stress caused by the Guardian and Financial Administration system.

Please accept my invitation as soon as possible as I don't know how much time I have left to live.

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The corrupt entities that facilitate abuse are:

- QCAT;
- Office of the Public Guardian;
- Public Trustee Qld;
- Queensland Health; and
- Queensland Police Service.

These corrupt entities are:

- in a position of trust;
- knowingly and with intent continue to condone the repeated abuse of particularly vulnerable older people causing them (and the members of their support network) physical, mental and financial harm and distress;
- fully aware of the short-comings of the current laws that allow this continuing abuse;
- knowingly and with intent have not responded by initiating and promoting change to the Guardian and Administration Act and the other associated Acts that govern the corrupt entities;
- knowingly and with intent have not responded to effectively identify, protect, safeguard and prevent abuse of the old, vulnerable and impaired people;
- not acting responsibly and proactively by taking appropriate action to implement effective reform within their organisations to prevent the abuse;
- knowingly and with intent acting "criminally" to actively profit from the abuse of the vulnerable through:
  - their financial maladministration;
  - corrupting their fiduciary duties;
  - engaging in malfeasance in public office;
  - committing perjury through their lies, deceit and misleading and deceptive conduct;
  - perverting justice;
  - allowing a continuation of the criminal acts of abuse and by condoning abuse through their inaction which has resulted in the establishment of this committee of inquiry and many other earlier enquiries.

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I have substantiated evidence of:

Corruption.

Maladministration.

Failure of Fiduciary Duty.

Malfeasance in Public Office.

Perjury.

Perversion of Justice.

My wife and I are:

Honest.

Law abiding.

Reputable.

Respected.

Residents of Queensland and citizens of Australia.

My wife often says to me "Where would I be without you".

I refrain from saying "In a grave because people die quicker in Aged Care Homes".

Her "family" put her in an Aged Care Home.

She got herself out.

QCAT were determined to put her back in.

We have been knowingly and with intent abused by:

QCAT;

Office of the Public Guardian;

Public Trustee Qld;

Queensland Health; and

Queensland Police Service.

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We have both been knowingly subjected to:

repeated Elder Abuse for 8 years and it is continuing;  
repeated Human Rights abuse for 8 years and it is continuing;  
repeated psychological trauma that has seriously affected our health;  
repeated psychological trauma that has affected our family relationships; and  
repeated financial disadvantage.

This is our story:

2013.

My wife and I ("**we**") commenced a defacto relationship in 2013.

We were married on 2 July 2018 and she became my wife.

We both were, and still are, retired businesspeople.

We each had substantial assets.

We had separate houses and separate finances.

We enjoyed each other's company and interests and travelled extensively domestically and overseas each year.

There was no unwanted, unnecessary and repeated interference in our personal lives.

We were living as we both wished, wanted and preferred.

We had:

No elder abuse;  
No human rights abuse;  
No financial abuse; and  
No discrimination.

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Mid-2017.

My wife (i.e. my defacto partner at the time) was removed from her own home against her wishes, will and preferences by her older daughter and son in their capacity as my wife's enduring attorneys ("**EPOA children**") and put in a unit at Cooinda Aged Care Home ("**Cooinda**").

This amounted to the elder abuse of my wife by the EPOA children.

The EPOA children disregarded my wife's Qld Health Psychologist's recommendation and my wife's wish and preference to rather relocate to a "**retirement village**" where she could enjoy independent living as an able-bodied woman.

This amounted to the elder abuse of my wife by the EPOA children.

The Qld Health Psychologist did not recommend an aged care home.

The Qld Health Psychologist assessed my wife and concluded that she had full "capacity".

The EPOA children accordingly had no valid reason to act under the EPOA and make decisions against the will and wishes of my wife.

The EPOA children did not have any capacity assessment of their own done in relation to my wife.

The EPOA children did strongly assert and allege that (in their view), my wife had impaired decision-making capacity.

The EPOA children had no expert medical evidence of impaired decision-making capacity on the part of my wife.

This amounted to the elder abuse of my wife by the EPOA children.

September 2017.

The EPOA children arranged an "expedited" ACAT assessment of my wife whilst she was incarcerated in a unit at Cooinda.

The EPOA children did not explain to my wife the real reason for the ACAT assessment nor did they ask her if she agreed to it being done.

The real reason for the ACAT assessment was to have a High Care approved for my wife when required in the future.

My wife did not need or want High Care at Cooinda or elsewhere.

This amounted to the elder abuse of my wife by the older daughter.



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The older daughter EPOA knowingly and deliberately provided false, misleading and deceptive information to the ACAT assessor.

The ACAT assessor noticed that there was no medical expert evidence of impaired decision-making capacity on file.

This amounted to the elder abuse of my wife by the older daughter.

The ACAT assessor failed to have the false, misleading and deceptive information provided to her by the older daughter checked and corroborated.

The ACAT assessor failed to contact me to check if I agreed with the information despite knowing that I was the defacto partner then of my wife at the time and that I had been in a long-standing personal relationship with my wife as my defacto partner.

The ACAT assessor accordingly did not discharge her "responsibility" and "duty of care".

There may have been previous interaction between the ACAT assessor and the older daughter who also works in the disability field.

This amounted to the elder abuse of my wife and I by the ACAT assessor.

This amounted to malfeasance in public office by the ACAT assessor.

November 2017.

The EPOA children and Coinda management knowingly and with intent used the corrupt September ACAT assessment to change/amend my wife's accommodation agreement at Coinda without consulting her and against her wishes, will and preferences and knowing that it would not be in her personal interests for the obvious reasons as explained below.

The accommodation status for my wife as per the Coinda agreement was changed/amended from "self-contained independent living" to "High Care".

This was unnecessary, unwanted and NOT required to be provided to my wife.

The corrupt September ACAT Assessment DID NOT state my defacto partner needed "High Care".

That ACAT assessment only provided approval for "High Care" when required in the future.

The accommodation unit provided by Coinda for my wife did not change after the change to "High Care".

Coinda in fact continued to provide my wife with the same self-contained unit located distinctly separate from the Coinda Aged Care Home.

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The services provided by Coinda to my wife did not change after the corrupt ACAT assessment and after the change/amendment of my wife's Coinda agreement to a "High Care" category agreement.

The amendment of my wife's Coinda agreement caused her to be "restricted" to spending NO MORE than 52 nights per year absent from her unit at Coinda.

The amendment of my wife's Coinda agreement imposed a "restrictive practice" on my wife being a penalty fee or charge of \$100.00 for each night in excess of 52 nights per year spent absent from the Coinda unit.

The amendment of my wife's Coinda agreement imposed a further "restrictive practice" on my wife in that Coinda would hold her daily medication so that my wife would be compelled or forced to return to Coinda to take her daily medication.

Prior to the change to "High Care", my wife took her medication with her whenever she wished to leave the Coinda unit for an extended period of time to stay with me.

Neither the EPOA children nor Coinda obtained the prior or subsequent consent of my wife to the amendment of her Coinda agreement.

My wife never wanted nor needed the amendment of the Coinda agreement.

My wife never wanted to be subject to the said restrictive practices at Coinda.

The essential reason as to why my wife I never wanted or needed the amendment of the Coinda agreement is that my wife spent most nights during every week with me at my home (and not at Coinda) and that my wife wanted to continue to spend more than 52 nights every year with me.

Consequently, my wife went from a free person who could ingress and egress her unit at Coinda to a person subject to "restrictive practices" who was forced her to remain at Coinda during such times that my wife wanted to spend away from Coinda and with me.

The EPOA children were aided and abetted by Coinda management to impose these "restrictive practice" on my wife and to severely restrict or limit my wife's time with me.

This constitutes elder abuse inflicted on my wife and I by the EPOA children and Coinda.

The aiding and abetting by Coinda to amend the Coinda agreement with my wife may have resulted in financial advantage to Coinda at the expense of the Commonwealth of Australia.

The EPOA children sold my wife's house without consulting her and against her wish, will and preference.

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My wife and I were fully aware of the upcoming tax changes at 01/07/2018.

We both had planned to sell our homes and deposit the funds in our respective superannuation accounts and relocate to my property in Burnett Heads.

The EPOA children financially abused my wife through their financial maladministration and their breach of their fiduciary duties to my wife.

This constitutes elder abuse imposed on my wife by her EPOA children.

The EPOA children and the Coinda management decided to put my defacto partner in "High Care" at Coinda, deprive her of previous unlimited freedom and offended her human rights.

This constitutes elder abuse and human rights abuse inflicted upon my wife.

My wife did not wish to stay in her unit at Coinda any longer under the said conditions and asked me to help her find alternative accommodation.

The EPOA children engaged a solicitor to threaten me if I didn't stop helping my partner find alternative accommodation.

This constitutes elder abuse inflicted upon me by the EPOA children and their solicitor.

December 2017.

My wife reported her Elder Abuse concerns to her Queensland Health Psychiatrist on 7 December 2017.

This is recorded in his file note also dated 7 December 2017.

The Psychiatrist took no action to report the elder abuse of my wife to the Office of the Public Guardian ("**OPG**") or the Queensland Police Service ("**QPS**").

There was No "capacity"" assessment of my wife by the Queensland Health Psychiatrist on 7 December 2017.

As at 7 December 2017, my wife was still legally presumed to be a woman with full legal and mental "capacity".

My wife and I both submitted elder abuse complaints to the Office of the Public Guardian on 16 December 2017.

2018.

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My wife's younger daughter submitted her elder abuse complaints about the EPOA children to the OPG in January and February 2018.

In its response, the OPG stated there was not enough evidence of elder abuse to start an "investigation".

The OPG managed to decide this without an investigation.

The OPG determined that there was not enough evidence by some means other than an investigation.

The EPOA children engaged a solicitor to represent them and to provide evidence to the OPG to defend the elder abuse complaint with the OPG.

This "sounds like an investigation" and "quacks like an investigation".

The OPG NEVER interviewed my wife and I or my wife's younger daughter about our elder abuse complaints to weigh the facts before deciding.

The OPG promotes their "Structured Decision-Making Framework" as the centrepiece of their protection of Human Rights and enforcement of the General Principles under the Guardianship Act (aka GAA).

The OPG pays "lip service" to its structured decision-making framework and do not provide details about the steps taken by it to come to the decision.

The EPOA children arranged a trip to NZ for my wife to see her relations and for them to provide evidence in support of their decisions as EPOA's on behalf of my wife.

The NZ relations have had little face to face contact with my wife as she had been living in Australia since 1993 and is a naturalised Australian citizen.

During the NZ trip, the EPOA children gave my wife an ultimatum to "choose between my wife's family" or choose me. My wife was in a vulnerable position at the time, being away from home and under duress exerted by the EPOA children.

My wife chose me.

This fact of utmost deplorable and immoral behaviour by the EPOA children towards my wife has been clearly stated in evidence by one EPOA child to QCAT on 16 October 2018.

This constitutes a severe form of elder abuse inflicted by the EPOA children.

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None of my wife's friends nor any of my friends in Queensland supported any of the decisions made by the EPOA children on behalf of my wife.

The OPG held off "deciding family conflict" until the evidence from NZ relatives was provided for the investigation that wasn't an investigation.

The OPG accepted corrupt, biased, unsubstantiated evidence and false, misleading and deceptive information as true and correct and used the "Structured Decision-Making Framework" to decide that family conflict was at play.

This is the OPG "investigation" that allegedly wasn't a real or proper "investigation", it was a "Clayton's investigation".

It took the OPG from 16 December 2017 to 20 April 2018 (i.e. 4 months) to consider and decide that the issues complained about amounted to a case of "family conflict" and NOT a case of elder abuse inflicted upon my wife and I.

The OPG was allegedly able to reach this decision WITHOUT any investigation.

The OPG would have had to investigate the issues complained about despite the OPG's assertion that it did not engage in an investigation.

In other words, the OPG would have had to investigate the issues complained about, used "Structured Decision-Making Framework" and decided it was a matter of "family conflict" and not elder abuse.

The facts of this matter indicate that the OPG must have applied a "Decision-making Framework of Deluded and the Irrational Sociopaths".

My above-mentioned reported historical facts would have been readily available as evidence to the OPG for investigation.

Considering the facts of this matter, a strong inference could and should be drawn that the OPG knowingly and with criminal intent chose NOT to investigate and chose NOT to act prudently and in a bona fide way or manner because the OPG's ultimate objective was to let family conflict continue and become a basis for QCAT guardianship proceedings and to have the OPG and the PTQ appointed respectively as guardian and administrator for my wife.

The OPG acted corruptly and committed malfeasance in public office.

The OPG has clearly demonstrated that it is unsuitable as guardian for anyone except the Devil, Lucifer and Satan.

May 2018.

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My wife was determined to leave her unit in Cooina and secure her freedom after the trip to NZ and the psychological abuse suffered by her at the hands of the EPOA children.

My wife consulted two solicitors and her counsellor to determine the most appropriate and effective way to leave Cooina and free herself from the abusive EPOA children.

The way to do it was to marry me as our marriage would revoke the EPOA and allow her the freedom to choose her way of life and be able to give effect to her own wishes, will and preferences.

As long term defacto partners, my wife and I discussed the marriage option, and we both rationally decided that we wished and wanted to get married to each other.

My wife took her time to think about the serious implications and consequences of marriage and to be sure that it was a decision for the betterment of her life. In other words, my wife did not make an on the spur of the moment decision to agree to marry me.

July 2018.

We were married on 2 July 2018.

On 12 July 2018, my wife advised and provided proof of our marriage to Cooina management and also advised that she was leaving her unit permanently.

My wife collected some of her belongings from her Cooina unit. She was assisted by my older daughter.

Cooina management advised the now ex-EPOA older daughter of my wife that my wife was leaving Cooina altogether.

The two children of my wife who had previously been appointed as her enduring attorneys could no longer so act as our marriage had revoked the EPOA.

My wife was assaulted on 12 July 2018 at Cooina by her older daughter and the husband of her older daughter.

This assault was witnessed by my older daughter who was present at the scene.

My older daughter assisted my wife by leading her away from the attackers.

My wife's older daughter then reported to the Gympie Police that her husband was allegedly assaulted by my older daughter. This report contained false, misleading and deceptive information deliberately made by my wife's older daughter.

Two QPS officers investigated the alleged assault by my older daughter on 12 July 2018 at my home where my wife, my older daughter and I were present.

My wife reported the assault on her to the QPS officer in charge of the investigation on 12 July 2018 at my home.

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The QPS officer in charge of the investigation told my wife to go to the police station in Gympie and report it there.

That QPS officer wasn't interested in my wife's assault.

The conduct of the QPS officer amounted to the elder abuse of my wife, dereliction of duty by the officer and malfeasance in public office by the officer.

On 12 July 2018, the acting CEO of Cooina rang me and told me that a QCAT Tribunal Member wants me to know that I would be arrested if I did not return my wife to Cooina by 6 pm on 12 July 2018.

I called my solicitor and asked for his assistance in relation to the threat of me being arrested.

My solicitor reported to me that he had contacted QPS at Gympie and they denied any knowledge or involvement in any arrest warrant by QCAT.

A QCAT Tribunal Member rang me (presumably the same one who threatened me with police arrest) on 12 July 2018 at my home.

I clearly informed the Tribunal Member about our situation.

The QCAT Tribunal Member then spoke to my wife.

My wife clearly stated her wishes, will and preferences to the Tribunal Member.

The Tribunal Member took no further action and did not follow up in relation to any arrest warrant.

During this phone conversation, the Tribunal Member clearly expressed her view that my wife had full "capacity".

The Tribunal Member is guilty of threatening me with arrest on the basis of uncorroborated assertions and she should be prosecuted for it.

The older daughter of my wife confirmed the involvement of the Tribunal Member and Cooina in her evidence given to QCAT on 16 /10/2018.

17/07/2018.

QCAT received an application from the older daughter of my wife.

The application DID NOT fully comply with the requirements for a valid application.

The application included false, misleading and deceptive information deliberately provided by my wife's older daughter.

NO "capacity" assessment was provided because no capacity assessment had ever been done in relation to my wife.

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NO "substantiated and corroborated evidence" was provided to enable a fair and just QCAT decision because there was none.

On 17 July 2018, QCAT immediately issued an "URGENT" Interim Order that my wife had impaired decision-making capacity and appointed the OPG as her guardian and the PTQ as her financial administrator.

The QCAT Urgent Interim Order amounted to a miscarriage of justice.

QCAT started the "COVERUP" of the corrupt and criminal act by the Tribunal Member on 12 July 2018 by threatening to arrest me.

QCAT did not consult with my wife or any other interested party prior to issuing the Interim Order.

QCAT advised my wife and myself 1 week later by Australia Post that the "URGENT" Interim Order had been issued.

QCAT claim it was a "URGENT" Interim Order.

The delay of 1 week to advise my wife DENIES this fact.

QCAT did nothing to protect my wife from the immediate "DANGER" that required an "URGENT" Interim Order on 17 July 2018.

QCAT did nothing to protect my wife's assets from the immediate "DANGER" that required an "URGENT" Interim Order on 17 July 2018.

02/08/2018.

The OPG made their initial appearance on 2 August 2018 which was 3 weeks after the immediate "DANGER" that "warranted" the Urgent Interim QCAT Order.

The effect of this is that the OPG failed to immediately protect their client from "DANGER".

This means that there was no immediate danger to protect my wife from and the QCAT Urgent Interim Order was a farce.

This constituted the elder abuse of my wife and I by QCAT.



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13/08/2018

The OPG Guardian appeared in Gympie on 13 August 2018 to interview my wife and myself at our home.

My wife clearly stated her overall position to the OPG.

My wife clearly stated to the OPG that she was assaulted by her older daughter and the husband of her older daughter on 13 July 2018 at Cooina.

The OPG did not report this assault to the QPS for investigation because the QPS never investigated it.

11/10/2018

The OPG Guardian compiled the corrupt Guardianship Report dated 11 October 2018 to QCAT.

This report made no mention of my wife being in "DANGER".

The corrupt Guardianship Report contained false, misleading and deceptive information to knowingly and with intent promote the OPG as a "last resort" guardian for my wife.

This report contained information supplied to the OPG from a QPS investigation into my alleged domestic violence and elder abuse of my wife.

This complaint about me was instigated by the OPG without any "substantiated evidence" supporting the allegations in the complaint.

No charges whatsoever were laid against me.

This proves that the OPG was corrupt.

The QPS investigation was corrupt and the police officers involved may have committed a crime.

There are substantiated documents that are proof of this corruption.

The corrupt Guardianship Report dated 11 October 2018 amounts to perjury. The entire report perverts justice.

Through the Guardianship Report dated 11 October 2018, the OPG committed malfeasance in public office during the QCAT hearing on 16 October 2018.

The details of the corrupt material in the report are most extensive and far reaching.

There are many other examples of corrupt OPG activities and behaviour.

The real OPG case of elder abuse, human rights abuse, corruption, malfeasance in public office, dereliction of fiduciary duties is huge and was repeated and continued until 26 July 2023 when the

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OPG sought leave from QCAT to withdraw as guardian for my wife. QCAT granted it that leave on the day.

The extensive, prolonged and brutal injustices, mental anguish and mental torture that the OPG caused my wife and myself still haunts us to this day.

My wife has no officially appointed guardian today and she does not need one.

07/08/2018.

The PTQ made their initial appearance as administrator for my wife on 7 August 2018 which was 4 weeks after the immediate "DANGER" inferenced or implied by the Urgent Interim QCAT Order for its appointment.

The PTQ failed to immediately protect their client from the implied "DANGER".

08/08/2018.

My wife provided PTQ with her wishes, will and preferences for the protection of her assets.

The PTQ knowingly and with criminal intent ignored my wife's wishes provided to the PTQ on 8 August 2018.

This amounts to elder abuse inflicted upon my wife by the PTQ.

The PTQ have knowingly and intentionally profited from my wife's assets under its financial administration in an unlawful way or manner.

This constitutes elder abuse inflicted upon my wife by the PTQ.

The PTQ's maladministration of my wife's assets has caused her substantial losses in excess of \$200,000.00 over approximately 5 years.

This constitutes elder abuse inflicted upon my wife by the PTQ.

The PTQ has effectively acknowledged in a letter to my wife that the PTQ's financial administration of my wife's money will send her bankrupt over about 10 years of administration.

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My wife started with over \$500,000.00 on 17 July 2018 and one could expect that an honest discharge of financial fiduciary duty to her would maintain or increase this asset considering the money required for her day-to-day living.

This amounts to elder abuse being inflicted upon my wife by the PTQ.

PTQ corruptly provided QCAT on 16 October 2018 with a PTQ Financial Plan that did not reflect the wishes, will and preference of my wife provided to the PTQ on 8 August 2018.

This constitutes elder abuse being inflicted upon my wife by the PTQ.

The PTQ DID NOT provide my wife with a copy of this plan.

The PTQ NEVER provided the plan despite repeated requests from my wife and I.

This constitutes elder abuse being inflicted upon my wife by the PTQ.

This corrupt plan was accepted by QCAT in what can only be described as a predetermined decision that the financial administration of my wife's money would be awarded to PTQ.

The details of the corruption are very extensive.

This and other corrupt PTQ activities with substantiated evidence could be provided.

This takes the PTQ corrupt involvement up to and including 16 October 2018.

The entire PTQ case of elder abuse, human rights abuse, corruption, malfeasance in public office, dereliction of fiduciary duties is huge and continues relentlessly. It haunts my wife and myself every day.

September 2018.

QCAT request a "capacity" assessment from Queensland Health in September 2018.

QCAT issued the "URGENT" Interim Order dated 17 July 2018 without a "capacity" assessment because my wife was in "DANGER".

QCAT provided false, misleading and deceptive information to Queensland Health to ensure the desired outcome from the "capacity" assessment.

Queensland Health conducts and produce a corrupt "capacity" assessment using this false, misleading and deceptive information and committed perjury and perverted justice.

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The entire QCAT case of elder abuse, human rights abuse, corruption, malfeasance in public office, dereliction of fiduciary duties is huge and continues relentlessly and hauntingly every day.

2025.

The Department of Justice is the overseeing entity for QCAT and OPG.

When you start to look for evidence to support your case regarding QCAT and OPG you hit a brick wall.

The brick wall is DoJ and their FOI section PLUS the laws specifically designed to protect these entities from prosecution.

The systemically corrupt investigating the systemically corrupt is never going to achieve justice.

Expectation of trust is missing from all these entities.

My submission will expose the significant corruption in the Queensland Public Service.

This corruption is naturally avoided in ALL the Public Service and Government communications regarding older persons.

Impaired people are not identified and promoted.

Their impairment and the "gag" laws restrict their ability to participate and identify their issues in the public discussions / forums.

This is all that I intended to cover today to provide you with sufficient information to ensure your continuing and increased interest in the problem of Elder Abuse in Queensland.

It is a much bigger issue than just elder abuse, human rights and justice in the public interest.

I look forward to providing you with the substantiated evidence to cause a Royal Commission.

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**Submission from Ross Plowman on “Lived in experience of Elder Abuse 01 04 2025”.**

Chairman,

Parliamentary Inquiry into Elder Abuse in Queensland.

The committee wanted to hear from people with “lived in experience of Elder Abuse”.

How many submissions has the inquiry received of lived experience of elder abuse?

Not many because the “gag order” on every person under Guardianship or Financial Administration in Queensland under GAA 2000 prevents them from voicing their abuse experience.

And the people subject to elder abuse not under “gag order” are too scared to appear for the many varied reasons. These reasons have been described by others in evidence to the inquiry.

I attended the hearing in Maryborough with my wife the specific purpose of highlighting the need for the “gag order” to be removed.

My wife could not speak because of the “gag order” =- she had to sit there and listen.

My wife has been under Guardianship and Financial Administration since 17/07/2018.

My wife provided QCAT on 16/10/2018 with the original 04/10/2018 Neuropsychologists assessment of capacity with assistance.

My wife provided QCAT on 03/11/2020 with her GP’s and her Psychiatrists current capacity with assistance assessment.

My wife provided QCAT on 26/07/2023 with a new Neuropsychiatrists capacity with assistance dated 04/11/2022.

Guardianship was removed 26/07/2023.

Took until 26/07/2023 (5 years) for QCAT to recognise her original 17/07/2018 wish, will and preference to not have a Guardian or Financial Administrator.

QCAT did not remove PTQ as Financial Administration because they ran out of time for the hearing.

QCAT have not decided to this day (01/04/2025) about removing the Financial Administrator.

This extended period of decision making clearly demonstrates QCAT cannot deliver on its charter.

The QCAT Act provides for the economical, informal and quick adjudication and resolution of contested matters by QCAT.

The QCAT Act stipulates that QCAT must encourage the early and economical resolution of disputes by conducting proceedings in an informal way that minimises the costs of parties.

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