

Inquiry into Elder Abuse in Queensland

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I am the daughter of the late [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] of whom elder abuse occurred during November 2021 up until mums' death in December 2022. The people that abused mum are [REDACTED], mum's carer and granddaughter, my niece. Her partner [REDACTED]. In April of 2021 my parents invited [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to move into their home at [REDACTED] as they had been evicted from their accommodation. They could then help care for them. Mum was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Dementia in 2013 and by 2021 had the help of Bluecare for showering in the morning, domestic cleaning, and social outings once a week. In November 2021 my father passed away. Due to a breakdown in my fathers and my relationship I was not welcome in my family home and hadn't been for 2 years previously. After my father's funeral I asked [REDACTED] if I could come and visit mum to which she said yes. I wanted to resume my relationship with mum as did my mum. As time went on Bluecare were only allowed there to shower mum in the morning and they had to call 20 minutes prior to visiting. The house cleaning and visiting mum was stopped by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. In some of my visits [REDACTED] would become angry with me saying I spoke to mum of bullshit stories (mum could remember way back in the past and loved to talk about family but couldn't remember present things.) He would swear at me and call me vile names. I spoke to [REDACTED] and at a later date he apologised to me. The abuse continued. I offered to help in the care of mum but was told no that they were fine. In time I was told that I could only visit after having given notice prior to calling. Eventually although they were home, they would not answer the door. Other members of the family were only allowed to visit after having given notice and one was told he wasn't allowed in the house at all but had to stand in the garden. The Neighbours never called in to see mum to visit after my dad passed away as they didn't like [REDACTED] and the way he spoke to them. They would often hear yelling at my mum by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was offered meals on wheels but declined saying mum wouldn't like them. Mum passed away in December 2022. In January I found out that I was Executor to mums' estate from [REDACTED] Solicitors.

Mums' final will and wishes did not get finalised until June 2024 by Supreme Court. [REDACTED] had taken all the money out of mum's bank account after mum passed away (not leaving any money for the funeral costs), the lawyers asked her to return it but she never did. Reported to the police, no action or contact has ever been made by the police. [REDACTED] had taken money out of mums bank account during the year to the sum of over \$90,000.00 the majority being in pubs and clubs, the lawyers asked her to return it but she never did. Reported to the police, no action or contact has ever been made by the police. The rates on mums house was in arrears to over \$6,000, as executor I received a notice from council that I was to be taken to court. The lawyers had to step in and I paid the amount owing. The electricity had not been paid at all after my dad passed away leaving a bill of over \$2,000 of which I paid but even though [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were living in the house illegally prior to their eviction as mums home was now the estate, the power would not be turned off by Ergon as I asked the question. My mums car was registered in [REDACTED] name a week before mum passed away illegally and without my mum's signature I thought. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] let mums registration run out for 6 months prior and then took the number plates into the Department of Motor Registry and then registered the car in [REDACTED] name, all legal and no signature required. I went to the Department and asked them personally how this happens. Reported to the police, no action or contact has ever been made by the police. All of mums furniture and personal belongings were taken by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] before they were evicted from mums home in May 2023. I filled out a police report for theft. Reported to the police, no action or contact has ever been made by the police. In June 2024 the Supreme Court ruled that due to [REDACTED] criminal and abhorrent behavior that she was to be removed from mum's estate and

final will, as on my mum's will [REDACTED] was a beneficiary being one of 7 grandchildren. I would not have known any of the above had I not been executor to my Mum's estate and had mum have not had a legal will in place. The abuse was well hidden and well calculated. At last visit to the Police I was informed that it is a civil matter and too hard to prosecute. I believe the aim is to stop elder abuse but after it has happened the perpetrators have learned to get around the system and are ready to move to the next victim (as has happened) with no recrimination for their actions. It's the coming together of information from family, neighbours, friends, council, Banks, Department of Motor Transport after mums passing that this has all come to light. I have all mums bank statements and legal documents regarding this matter and am happy to make this public and all names within if it can in any way stop elder abuse.