

Terry McDaniel [REDACTED]

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My name is Terry McDaniel I'm 44 years of age and I'm from the electrets of Pummistone.

I would like to extend my thanks to the committee members for allowing me this opportunity to tell part of my story.

I would also like to extend my thanks to those survivors and others attending today.

Before I start I would like to furnish the members of the committee and the media with a copy of my submission before commencing.

Background

I have personally known Mr Rick Williams the current State Member of Pummistone for nearly 8yrs. Since 2012 Mr Williams has been made aware of some of the heinous crimes that were committed towards not only myself but has also heard of other victims stories of survival.

This also extends to the States involvement and negligent.

I was abandoned by my birth mother at the age of 3 and at the age of 7

I was made a ward of the State of Qld. The State were my Legal Guardians up until the age of 18 which meant that I fell under the ***Children's Services Act of 1965***.

Foster Care

Whilst being in Foster Care I was molested by one of my foster parent's brother on visits. Only two years ago I had learnt that [REDACTED] was also a victim by the same person for nearly two year whilst he resided at the same address.

Boystown Placement

Boystown was a Privately run Care Facility with its own school that was overseen by the State of Qld.

In 1985 I was placed at Boystown Beaudesert for a 3 year period at the recommendation of Children Services I was 12 at the time

I arrived on the 8th February 1985, which was a Friday. My number was #1046.

During my 3 years at Boystown I was subjected to

Countless physical and sexual assaults at the hands of the Brothers, Staff and Cottage Parents

I was regularly strip searched after returning to Boystown

Boystown being a Privately run Care Facility had No authorization to conduct to any type of searches on boys whether it was body or full strip searches. These types of searches were done to boys as young as 12 years of age. All done with the approval of the social workers of the time.

I was photographed naked by men who came to Boystown and was told they were police officers

I was Locked up in an illegal Jail Cell

The Social Workers approved the use of this illegal jail cell

BoysTown was a privately Run care facility and not a Government run Institution which meant this jail cell was highly illegal under Qld Law and Legislation at the time

Being forced to watch inhumane acts with animals

I was made to witness a boy who was forced to get on all fours by a cottage parent so his dog could practice the art of learning how to mount and have its way

There were also indecent sexual acts with livestock animals

Witnessing sexual acts between people to be told it was Natural

Being severely beaten for notifying my social worker of my miss treatment

The supply and sale of cigarettes to boys as young as 12 which was also approved by Social Workers

The legislation in Qld in my time prohibited the supply or sale of tobacco products to a minor under the age of 16. This legislation changed in 1987 to the legal age of 18

Being ripped off by the Qld State Government with No Education

In 1985 Boystown and my Social Worker had been notified of my natural grandmother's death and were given the funeral details.

I was only informed of this 2 weeks later by my brother during a phone call

The following day I asked the Director if someone could take me to her grave side so I could place some flowers and say goodbye to her, only to be told "She's dead now it doesn't matter"

A brother came into the showers and tormented me and two others with a cattle prod

I had ran away from Boystown a few times just like many others had done before me as well as after I was caught and bought back and flogged by the Brothers.

I complained to my Social Worker on one occasion about things She inturn told the brothers

That same night I received a beating so bad it still haunts me to this very day.

After that night I never complained or had any further contact with my social worker

Over my three years at BoysTown I had witnessed countless boys who were beaten strapped kicked punched and flogged by numerous Brothers staff and Cottage parents

To which many times was also witnessed by Qld departmental social workers who stood by and never intervened

Brothers or staff would be shipped off overnight to hide their crimes without any police investigations and was done with the blessing of the Qld Gov social workers

Education

BoysTown having its own school on the premises was registered as a Non State School under the Qld Education Department and was issued a CIS code number which was #5377

Boystown officially closed in 2001 this CIS code was handed back to Queensland education in 2004

(Attached is confirmation of the CIS Code from the department of Education)

Up until 1985 boys received a junior certificate issued by the Queensland Education board

From 1986 to 1988 not one person received a junior certificate from the Queensland Education board

A person does 40 weeks of schooling for each year we did 10 to 12 weeks in 12mths the rest of the time we were used as slave labour around the property

My own children services departmental documents clearly states numerous times that I would receive a junior certificate once I left Boystown

Our Social Workers had knowledge of this and approved it.

From 1989 onwards Boystown started reissuing junior certificates

Myself along with many others were robbed of a promised education and promising future by the State who were overseers of Boystown and were our Legal Guardians

I wrote to Minister of Education Kate Jones about this and supplied her with the proof she responded back by saying ***"This is not part of my portfolio"*** and passed the buck to the Minister of Police

In 1978 14yr old boy by the name of [REDACTED]

Was on a property at Canungra with another Boystown boy

It is said [REDACTED] was being sexually abused whilst at Boystown

At 6:30 a.m. [REDACTED]

He was taken from the Canungra property to Boystown along the way by passing a 24 hour emergency Hospital at Beaudesert

He was still alive with a [REDACTED] and bleeding

A decision was made at some stage to take him to the PA Hospital in Brisbane

Again driving past a 24 hour emergency Hospital at Beaudesert

Some 5hrs later at 11:30 a.m. [REDACTED] died

The Director of Boystown at the time was never interviewed by police

There is never been an inquest into the death of 14 year old [REDACTED]

Rod Masser head of Operation Kilo Lariat was given evidence of what had transpired but chose not to investigate it.

A copy of [REDACTED] death certificate is supplied

The following year after [REDACTED] death there was another tragic loss of life the life of a 9 year old little girl Named [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was a sugar diabetic and relied on having a diabetic diet and insulin shots

He was forced to use the same syringe for 6 weeks at a time

The brother who was administering the insulin was also molesting him at the same time

[REDACTED] made a police statement to kilo lariat but was told there was nothing that they could do

At the end of 2014 [REDACTED] received a kidney and pancreas transplant

On the 27th day of July 2015 [REDACTED] committed suicide

In 2012 producer Danny Keens and Michael Usher from 60Minutes Australia wanted to tell our story

I agreed on one condition that not one person who appeared on their program was to be paid one cent for their Story

The reason for this was so that nobody could ever accuse us that we only said what we said on TV because we were paid

In September 2012 60 Minutes Australia aired a story called "Breaking the Silence" our story went global

As a result of our story being aired the following week the Prime Minister Julia Gillard called for a Royal Commission

Operation Kilo Lariat

The following day the Newman government had the minister of police Jack Dempsey front the media and said that the state of Queensland has launched operation kilo lariat to investigate Boystown and vowed that no stone would be left unturned

Operation kilo lariat was headed up by detective Rod Massa

Countless victims came forward and made complaints to the task force

Countless brothers staff members Cottage parents and even social workers were heavily named by the victims

Operation kilo lariat only lasted 18 months and was shut down because of the budget

In the 18 months only 3 Brothers and one staffing teacher where ever charged over a 40yr period

Rod Massa and his team never interviewed one Qld Government Social Worker from any era

However 2 sets of Cottage parents made contact with kilo lariat who gave statements verifying what had occurred in their times at Boystown

Their valuable testimonies will never be heard in court as the DPP have no need for them

Kilo Lariat never interviewed any other former Cottage parents or staff even though a lot of these were heavily named by victims

Boystown Records

Each year anything that happened at Boystown weather good or bad was documented by the De La Salle Brothers and sent to the history of the house in NSW

Kilo lariat could never find where the De La Salle kept these records

This information was given to the department of Public Prosecutions

The DPP agreed to work with the New South Wales government and their police so a warrant could be executed to search this location to retrieve the files

The DPP just passed this information over to kilo lariat and not the NSW Government or Police as agreed

An officer by the name of Rollingstone wrote an email to the Head of the De La Salle asking him whether or not this place existed and were there any records of Boystown

The Provincial wrote back stating that there were no records of Boystown at that location

2 weeks later the police went down and of course not one record about Boys Town was ever located

Rollingstone tip off the De La Salle about the records

On the 20th of August 2015 I arranged a meeting with the DPP along with 2 Police officers and a representative from Brave hearts

During this meeting numerous concerns were raised about the conduct and the running of kilo lariat and the handling of the current cases by the DPP

A complaint was lodged to the crime and corruption commission who then forwarded the complaint off to the Integrity services who then forwarded it to one of these officers that was in this meeting with the DPP who happens to work out of the same department as the officers in question

To this day there has been NO Outcome

As for the Royal Commission Boystown will never be granted a Public Hearing into what had happened, this is because they are under the impression that Qld has its own Police investigation

A lot of victims from Boystown who commenced with a Civil Claim against the Trustees of the De La Salle had later discovered that the good old State of Qld had the Attorney General's office secretly co-signed on their Deeds of Releases. The State had No personal involvement throughout the

mediation process or was considered as a second defendant in the pipa documents that were submitted to the Qld Supreme Courts in Brisbane and never contributed one dollar towards these civil claims

The State jumped at the chance when asked by the Trustees to be a co-signer to these deeds just so that the State could save a buck and didn't have to take responsibility for their own crimes.

The question remains is the Attorney General's office still secretly signing off on these Deeds today

Over the last 2 yrs I have written several times to our current premier - Attorney General - Minister of Communities - Education Minister - Minister of Police both of them – Commissioner of Police Outlining these concerns along with providing evidence

Only to be responded by ***that's not in my jurisdiction*** or we had the ***Ford enquiry*** or we have the ***Royal Commission*** or No response at all.

The only minister that I had formally written to who actually took the time to sit down to discuss what had gone on was Minister Shannon Fentiman. The Minister along with the Chief Legal Officer, Member for Pumistone Rick Williams and Mr Shane Bevis and I had an hour long meeting in Parliament house where not only documentation of evidence was produced but also audio recordings that verified a corrupt Police Investigation.

I wrote to the Department of Communities complaints section and even produced them with copies of their own departmental documents as Onus of Proof of the things that happened whilst under their care.

Only to be told in writing

“That I had 12 months after leaving Boystown to put in a complaint” I was 15.

They further went on to say....

“That even if they could track down the social workers of my time they probably couldn't remember anyway”

10 Free Counselling Sessions

I currently have access through my GP 10 free counselling sessions per year this works out to be

One counselling session every 36 days

We victims out there need access to more than 10 free sessions

10 just doesn't cut it we need more.

Statistics

When you look at the statistics of my time from the mid 80's the amount of boys who have done jail or have committed suicide out of a 3 year period is quite alarming

How many Victims of Physical or Sexual abuse have suicided as a direct result of the States handling and cover up of State Institutions

Even more sadly how many more victims will commit suicide before somebody decides to stand up and make the change.

I myself don't want to be one of those statistics

Our past Qld Governments have also taken part in covering up these heinous crimes by hiding behind the Limitations act.

These people who were in a position of Authority are just as guilty as our perpetrators

Our pre-assessors of the State are the very ones responsible for what is in front of us today.

When considering any proposed changes to the Limitations Act the ACT should not just consist of Sexual Abuse. This Act should also extend to other abuse such as Physical and Emotional abuse as these types of abuse also leave scars that last a lifetime and run just as deep

As I stand here before all of you today you see a well spoken well Dressed Man.

And even though these things happen to me 30+ years ago it still haunts me to this day.

What people don't see are my inner scars the scars that will be with me to my last breath

Each day that I wake up my mind is like a minefield. Sometimes I even wonder how the hell am I even functioning.

No matter what systems we have in place as a society unfortunately the reality is that paedophilia and child abuse will happen somewhere at some time.

When heinous crimes like this do happen in our society we need to ensure as a state as a community and as a society we need to make sure that our laws are there to support those victims instead of hindering them.

I can't change what had happened to me. I've lived in silence for nearly 30 years. 30 years of torment guilt and shame all because of a law.

There is a saying that we are all familiar with

Evil Trumps when good men and woman do nothing.

Let us Never forget those words. Because if we do we are no better than those before us

You Members that sit on this panel today I ask of you all just one thing.

It's time for change for if we don't learn from the past mistakes how then can we move forward?

Because if we continue to stay in the same lane as the past in another 30 years time we will all be standing right here in this same room.

So make the change.

In Closing

Boystown was suppose to be a place of Hope and a new beginning

A place that gave you an Education and a Future

A place that showed you compassion

It was suppose to stand on Biblical Principles

That's how they told us it would be but instead it was a place of hell

This is my story.....

Terry McDaniel