

Your VOICE for the future



THIS IS IT!

My plea to our supporters is, if ever there was a case to take a stand on and voice our absolute disgust: This is it!

Paedophiles in any shape or form are a blight on the human race and loathed by society. Rightly so in my opinion!

So how can it be that a government department [Director of Human Rights Proceedings] is using tax-payer money to fund a paedophiles legal battle with SST while his victims are denied legal help.

Paedophilia is a despicable, cowardly offence; it not only has a devastating effect on the lives of the children involved, the impact on the child's immediate family and friends is catastrophic and tragic.

This whole debacle has confirmed why New Zealand has such a high incidence of child abuse and domestic violence. The State sanctions it! Our Courts and Crown go to extraordinary measures to protect these cowardly parasites. The state –by its very actions – is underwriting their demented behaviour.

What type of human being would abuse a young child and what sort of human being would any of us be if we turned a blind eye?

Yet our so called justice system is doing precisely that – or worse still – it is actually aiding and abetting and actively participating in the cover-up!

Every so often, something happens in life that makes us reflect on our very existence, our purpose in life. This case has been one of those for me. I am not sure why, whether it's the fact that I am male, or perhaps that I have four daughters, but this case has had a profound effect on me.

The fact that a 'man' who has been convicted of abusing children can use the system, and be funded by that system, to cover up his identity and allege his privacy has been breached is abhorrent and repugnant to me. As long as I am of sound body and mind I will fight this! I WILL NOT live in a country that places the rights of a convicted paedophile over and above the rights of our women and children.

So that means, I am putting my hand up to fight this nonsense, in the Courts, in the streets, in Wellington and if necessary at the up-coming Election. This nonsense must be debunked once and for all.

My plea to our supporters is: If ever there was a case to take a stand on and voice our absolute disgust, **This is it!**

SST believes the protection, safety and wellbeing of our children must be of paramount consideration at all times and this MUST be absolute and entrenched in legislation.

This case has the potential to not only make legal history but it could also change the law and redefine New Zealand's reputation as a paedophile haven.

A legal fight of this magnitude will be expensive and we appeal to our supporters to help us build a war-chest to give us the ability to meet this craziness head on.

To donate to the SST paedophile fighting fund; **03 0698 0724579 00**
 Website: www.sst.org.nz
 or P.O. Box 701 Napier

Thank you, Garth

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Queensland Government introduces legislation to protect children from paedophiles

As this goes to print the Premier of Queensland has announced he will introduce new legislation giving politicians power to ensure serial sex offenders are locked up forever. The Premier said anyone opposed to the new laws were "apologists for sex offenders and paedophiles."

Premier Campbell Newman said it was legislation of last resort but necessary because the community was sick and tired of sex-offenders and paedophiles being released on the streets.

Mr Newman said he did not want to pass such laws but the courts had left his government with no other choice.

"When we have a situation where serial sex offenders and paedophiles are being let out by the legal system, by the court system, into the community, we have to act," said Mr Newman.

"Queenslanders want us to act, that's why this law has been passed."The only

people saying they're against these laws are people who are apologists for sex offenders and paedophiles. He challenged those groups opposing the laws to provide another solution. "None of these critics are offering any solutions and I'm sad to say that we will have to continue to act like this and make these sorts of decisions if people don't offer proper alternatives to protect the community."

<http://ow.ly/qBrTu>

The critics Sound very familiar! Pity we don't have a politician with this sort of courage in New Zealand.



Court Actions

The various legal actions from this case are set out below: There are three different but linked cases currently before the courts.

1. DOHRP vs SST: In this case The Director alleges that SST has breached P's privacy by publishing his details on our offender database when P claim they are suppressed.
 - a. There is no record of suppression that anyone can find.
 - b. Suppression is only ever for the victims benefit and the victims have since approached us in support of SST vs DOHRP.
 - c. In April 2013 the Chairperson in the Human Right Tribunal awarded P interim name suppression ie his name is suppressed until the substantive hearing in the Human Rights Tribunal for this case –date TBC.
2. Victim A and B Name Un-suppression: In this case P's 2 victims have applied to have THEIR names unsuppressed so that they can speak out.
 - a. Neither victim wants name suppression.
 - b. They are both disgusted that the Director of Human Rights and the Privacy Commissioner have never once contacted them and prefer to act on behalf of the convicted paedophile who abused them multiple times when they were aged 10 and 12years.
 - c. They were adults at the time of the court case and clearly remember P not having name suppression
 - d. All records from the court at the time say P does not have name suppression.
3. SST vs DOHRP: In this case we have applied to have the DOHRP case against SST struck out stating that the correct jurisdiction for such a decision is the District Court or higher [as that is where the offender was sentenced] The Human Rights Tribunal is a lower level jurisdiction and therefore should not be able to rule upon decisions made in a higher court.

As you can imagine there have already been thousands of hours and dollars spent on these cases to date. We have been lucky enough to secure limited pro bono legal assistance for the victims but sadly significant funding is required to continue this battle and ensure common sense prevails.

Ruth Money

Victims Survival

I was the victim of sexual abuse as a child. I was innocent and trusting and vulnerable. That changed quickly.

I am 49 and a mother and grandmother now. To go through a trial, to expose our families to that pain and suffering, and to have to relive the ordeal was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. To stand in a room full of strangers and tell them intimate details of what he did to us, details that we had kept secret for years, was an ordeal. He was found guilty on 5 of the charges and sentenced to serve 6 months in jail. That wasn't our purpose. Our purpose was to try and stop any other little girl and her family growing up with this burden.

To find out by reading the newspaper that he has used our right as victims to name suppression to stay hidden and undetected is further abuse. We know there is no record of him having name suppression because we've had to search and read all the court documents again to prove it, and be forced to relive it in the process. More abuse.

He is a convicted paedophile but he wants \$300,000 because he was named as a convicted paedophile. The Director of HRT agrees that his privacy has been breached by being exposed, but we say what about our privacy? What about our respect? What about our dignity? Why are they ignoring us? More abuse.

How many more victims of these men are out there? He's had 19 years since the trial, and 20 years before that... 39 years hiding and potentially abusing... there's only one way to find out. Bring their names out into the light. Let people know who they are and what they have done.

I have done nothing wrong. I am not ashamed. And I won't stop until he, and others like him, are exposed for what they are.

A Survivor.

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"We strongly believe in the merits of our case and the rights of the victims. The public of New Zealand has a right to know who these disgusting paedophiles are so they can protect their children."

PROVEN BUT INSANE

The insanity defence originated in England in 1843 when Daniel McNaughton unsuccessfully attempted to assassinate the Prime Minister at the time, Sir Robert Peel. He was successful however, in killing Peel's private secretary, Edward Drummond.

McNaughton was acquitted due to his delusional belief that the Prime Minister was conspiring against him, which caused outrage throughout the country. The House of Lords asked a panel of judges a series of questions on the criteria for insanity, the answers to which resulted in the McNaughton Rules, which form the basis of the current insanity defence, acquitting offenders, who meet the criteria of their crime.

170 years on, the Law as we know it is relatively unchanged, even with psychiatric and medical advances, our law makers have not seen the need for reform. As recently as 2010 the New Zealand Law Commission reported that although the defence was flawed and contained significant issues, it was the Commission's recommendation that the insanity defence remain unchanged.

The Sensible Sentencing Trust has had concerns regarding the insanity defence for

a number of years and recently organised a public discussion in Wellington to raise awareness of the issues. A panel of interested parties was arranged comprising victims, lawyers and a forensic psychiatrist, each of whom spoke from their varying perspectives and experiences. Louise Upston, National Party MP for Taupo also gave a presentation regarding work the Government is looking at in this area.

The overwhelming response from the assembled audience was that the rights of victims and survivors of those found to be insane should be given greater consideration with regards to the criminal process and victim notification in this complex area. This area was also disregarded by the Law Commission. However it was clear from those in attendance that the Law Commission was hopelessly out of touch with public opinion on this matter.

The Sensible Sentencing Trust is proposing the current not guilty by reason of insanity verdict be replaced with the alternative, proven but insane. The former carries no conviction. The latter would. This gives victims some sense of accountability on the part of the offender.

This is the first step in a range of problem areas the Trust has identified relating to offending by those suffering from mental illness.



Graeme Moyle

SST is determined to lobby for Public Safety

As I am sure our supporters know SST receives NO Government funding. We survive on the kindness and generosity of caring, compassionate New Zealanders who have had enough of rampant liberal lunacy.

There is no doubt in my mind that National had the support and numbers after the 2008, and even 2011 elections, to have made sweeping, far reaching changes in all areas of public safety and I have to admit that many good and positive changes were made. Sadly it seems the fire has gone out. I am not sure if they think they have done enough in this area or are waiting for SST to fire up a storm for the 2014 election. If it is the latter they will not be disappointed.

The paedophile case I talked about on the front page has some very interesting twists which will cause a few red faces when the whole sordid story can be told. As I said that case will ultimately lead to sweeping changes and we will not be pulling our punches!

And the farce surrounding the murder of Christie Marceau is far from over. Her killer, Ashkay Chand, slipped through the chasm that masquerades as a mental health system but the Judge that set this vile train-of-events in motion has not yet been held to account.

In fact nobody has been held liable for the murder of Christie Marceau.

Brian and Tracey Marceau complained to the Judicial Conduct Commissioner about the abhorrent conduct of the Judge involved in releasing Chand on bail. While the answer is not yet to hand, one can be sure the reply will be a white-wash.

While I am not at liberty to say too much about next year's election campaign, I can say that we have now served our apprenticeship and will certainly be make our presence felt, on the above issues and more.

The current MMP environment has destroyed political back-bone. The role of a lobby group like SST is to ensure that public safety and all things sensible are on the radar of ALL political parties. With your continued support we promise that will be done.

Garth

Interesting statistics...

- The increase of insanity acquittals since 2002 up 500%.
- The increase in offences by those acquitted by reason of insanity since 2002 up 500%.
- The number of callouts to Police involving the mentally ill in the 2010-2011 fiscal year: 10,734.
- The number of callouts to St John involving the mentally ill in 2012: 3716.
- The number of assaults on staff by mental health inpatients in 2012: 2314.
- The number of assaults by mental health inpatients on other patients and visitors in 2012: 820.

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My best friend as a child was my Dads fox terrier Joe, maybe some of his tenacity and determination has rubbed off on me!

« Garth and Joe



CHRISTCHURCH

Team Christchurch have been really busy! Our wonderful Membership and fundraising coordinator Helena Watson organised a Monster Raffle and we raised over \$900 for the RRT Annual Victims Conference. Thank you to all who bought tickets and especially our kind and generous donors, Whale Watch Kaikoura, Caltex Rangiora, Green Dolphin Restaraunt Kaikoura, Indulge Body and Soul Kaikoura, Fairway Ocean Ridge Kaikoura, Pegasus Winery, Langdale winery and All About You Riccarton.

Jayne Walker

TAURANGA

The Recent Meeting of SST in Tauranga was a resounding success with about 100 members and public attending. It was held in the beautiful Holy Trinity Auditorium which has hosted our meetings before.

I welcomed the audience and thanked them for their support and dedication to The Cause with particular emphasis on the effect their letter writing campaign had on the Government. Garth followed with a resounding speech on the successes SST is having. Many do not know what in depth work our Team is doing and it was a revelation to hear him. His passion is palpable and inspiring. The use of graphics was well timed by Ruth and it added weight to his address. All I spoke to were impressed with the honesty and sincerity of his delivery. Ruth made a striking figure on stage and followed Garth with a relaxed and informative explanation of the future aims for us. I believe we are in very capable hands with her.

Following on from the meeting we had tea and biscuits. During this time fourteen people approached me wanting to be part of a Local Action Group. This is great and we will meet shortly to formalise the New Group. Special Thanks must go to Garth and Ruth for travelling so far to be at our meeting and making it a success. Tauranga is determined to remain a leading City for supporting SST.

Ken Evans

WELLINGTON

Our hardworking Wellington Region committee continues to get fantastic guest speakers to our bi-monthly public meetings held on a Tuesday night at 6.45 pm in Johnsonville.

In the past year we have been privileged to have Heather Henare - Chief Executive Women's Refuge, Trish Green - Team Manager Social Campaigns, Ministry of Social Development and Kerrie Pihema - Director Rokez - a licensed private

investigation company, as our special guests and key note speakers.

Here in Wellington, we are at the "coal face", with parliament on our doorstep, to petition and make submissions for law and order reforms and many of our members accompanied the Marceau family and other supporters of the "Christies Law" Bail Amendment Bill campaign in handing over the petition of over 58,000 signatures to Parliament in May

Our public meetings are relaxed and convivial and we'd welcome you, your family, your neighbours, your club-mates and associates to join us

Please e-mail wellington@sst.org.nz or phone 027 452-3063 to be added to our e-mail bulletin for details of meetings for the 2014 year or if you'd like to add your value to the Sensible Sentencing Trust organisation by joining our friendly committee of volunteers.

Cassandra Palmer

MEMBERS LETTERS

"The public of New Zealand are very fortunate to have such diligent people as you and your team working for them on criminal justice issues. Thank you for all your hard work".
Rangiora

"Please keep battling for us all, Kind Regards to you all".
Whangarei

"Please find enclosed my Annual donation to the Trust, and I commend you on the work you do and the results you have achieved."
Hastings

AUCKLAND

The Auckland branch is on the lookout for new committee members. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved. We need people to help victims of violent

crime, as well as various other committee roles.

To help raise valuable funds, the Auckland branch recently put on a sausage sizzle at Mitre 10 in Botany. We raised about \$400 on the day and certainly fed quite a few people!

Jock and Margaret have been providing talks about our valuable work, for anyone who will listen. This year they will clock over 50 talks, which is a stunning achievement. They regularly receive great feedback on their talks and membership swells each and every time they present. Please do get in touch if you belong to any groups who would be interested in having Jock come and talk about SST. It's a key way in which we can spread the word about SST, the work it does in our community and the important work it does in driving change at a national level.

Coming up in the next few weeks, the committee will be dropping leaflets around Auckland, making good use of the new leaflets we have received. Again, let us know if you would like to help or if you would be happy to distribute some leaflets at your workplace.

To get in touch about any of the above email me, auckland@sst.org.nz.

Jason Willis



"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a ripple of hope." Robert Kennedy

A huge thank you to all members who renewed their membership from our May newsletter. The mail has been amazing. We appreciate your overwhelming support which helps us continue the fight for change on your behalf.