

Yoorrook Justice Commission**Statement 2 JR**

DHS have been after me since I was 2 when they put me with my grandfather.

I was just another kid put into the system.

They took me to a foster family, I could feel it, I thought it was my nerves, but something was really off.

When I was taken from my parents and put into care of her grandfather as a child, I was sexually assaulted.

Then when I was put into foster home, I experienced physical and family violence.

One day, when I was 13 or 14 years old, I was told I was 'going on a holiday' at 13-14yrs old but I was placed in respite, and I was there until 18.

DHS called me on my 18th birthday to say, 'happy birthday, we're no longer involved'.

Then in 2018, I found out I am Aboriginal.

My sister told me we are Aboriginal. Then her worker called me because they needed a family to take her kids. The worker told me they were looking for mob to take the kids because we're mob. I wish someone had told me sooner.

My sister copped it a lot worse with her foster family. She copped the same abuse as me but more.

Now DHS have taken her kids too.

I don't see my sister anymore because I find it triggering.

I DHS requested an Aboriginal family worker but given a non-Aboriginal one due to being 'booked out'.

My partner is also Aboriginal. But my ex has made allegations that my partner is not Aboriginal.

My child is currently in my care. My child was removed for 2 weeks. My ex knew about this.

I think that DHS told him. I asked DHS if they told my ex this and they stammered and said, 'maybe he knew from court'.

I checked with the court about what was discussed, and the court staff said that the removal of my child had not been discussed. But how else would they know?

I currently see my child fortnightly. My child has been diagnosed with ADHD. But my ex does not send medication.

I told DHS about this twice, and I spoke with a GP. The GP said that they will make a report against my child's father.

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