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Subject Major Points for our Submission

Hello,

The 'section' where it states (in the least restrictive manner) IS to be 'enforced'.

This will allow for the 'REAL' person's character to be seen and also empower them with the ability to 'Self-Empowerment' and what they can achieve, without any 'brick-walls' stopping them.

To have their 'Rights' taken away from them, plus their possessions also taken away from them, is NOT the answer.

The above only makes more room for a person to become 'issolated' and 'withdrawn' from Society in many ways, leaving them with NO PRIDE or 'Self-Esteem' as it is taken away from them by a 3rd Party, who is only reading various Reports from other people's allegations against them and reason's why they should be made a 'Recommended Person' under the 'MHA' and giving the 'Guardian' more powers than what is necessary or in the best interests of the 'client'.

We believe there are reason's why things happen to people. It may NOT be due to a 'Mental illness' it very well may be due to 'circumstances' and gagging a client.

We do not believe these actions to be in the best interest of any person.

However, in the case of a 'genuine Mental illness' it is a good thing to have a 'shaulder' to lean on for the client, so they can get themselves together again and walk on 'in freedom' without being held back by another person.

'State Trustees' OR anyone should NOT be allowed to 'sell or take a clients possessions away from them and leave them with nothing. This only creates more 'poverty' and a very unhealthy environment to destruction.

Thanking you in anticipation of our thoughts being taken seriously.

Our webpage, gives details of our full thoughts of what is wrong in the area of 'Mental Health' and our Members identify with it, because it spells out very simply and plainly what goes on in this most 'in-humane' Act only to be very injurious to our Members.

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The answer to the 3 questions asked in this Reference, is

A. Keep it informal.. Help client to be self-empowered & learn slowly which is a natural thing to do for anyone -- even if they don't suffer from any 'disability'. even Business people act in this manner too.

We would be very interested to know what the CEO of 'State Trustees' would think about this, and as stated at our meeting, What is 'State Trustees' Constitution on how money matters for a client is handled -- is it REALLY in their best interests ? Do State Trustees have a charge for paying fortnightly payments on 'Utility Bills' etc. ?? if so then what are the fees. ?

How can we get a 'Express to VCAT IF neglect is proved that a Guardian is wrong for the client and not helpful at all. ?? (This is vital).

Can a 'Enduring Power Attorney' do the same 'task' as a 'Guardian' selected by the client who they trust and know ??

How would this be done if it is ok ??

How many 'Psychiatrists' are required these days to have a person recommended for involuntary treatment ?? and who is responsible if anything goes wrong ie:- ECT & heavy 'Psychotic Drugs' that affect the brain and other damage to the main organs in the body which may be irretrievable to mend. ie:- Kidney - Liver - Heart - Lung - muscles etc. all can be affected by these 'harsh psychotic medications' IF unsuccessful then who is responsible and how can this be redressed by the client or 'Enduring Power of Attorney' ??

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" I think most Members are agreeing that 'to keep it informal' IS the way to go for comfort to the client -- we believe this is vital, as this also would help them learn how to 'fit into the Community' without a 'stigma' over their head and also be as actively involved as possible without 'having restrictions' placed on them by a 'Guardian'.

We as an Organisation, have identified that to 'allow our Member' to do things at their own 'pace' IS the secret to success for them to learn the 'fine arts of communication to people with their needs to become a 'well person' again in dignity. We do NOT believe to enforce anothers method of doing things 'is the way to go' it could very well be against our Members character and could easily be harmful to their health issue.

We still say, that it is VITAL that there be an 'EXPRESS way to VCAT in the event of neglect by a Guardian to either change, or have withdrawn.

sincerely,
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