

To The Child Abuse Inquiry- On behalf of my colleague Richard Garling who asked that I send this to you:

It has only just come to my attention that there are requests for the child abuse inquiry. I have worked for many years in remote aboriginal communities and have observed that not a lot of change has occurred.

I wish to express my concerns for the current system of NTFC. It disturbs me greatly that the carers of the young girl who died whilst in foster care were not charged for the crime that was committed. Every child in care should be safe and have their social, emotional and physical needs met.

I believe that one of the problems is that people are not implementing the policies in place to protect children. Why are foster carers not being screened properly? Why are they not being supported and trained? Are there trained people to train these workers?

As an Australian citizen the constitution is for all Australians, it is not ok for an individual to take the law into their own hands. It is not ok to see children die in care. People are hurting. I really felt sorry for that person. There is no excuse for the neglect of an innocent child.

If you haven't got a happy father you haven't got a happy mother- if you haven't got a happy mother then your children aren't happy. Where grass-roots issues are concerned- how do we tend to the rights of our current generation? We are all human.

If time and care was taken to implement the current policies properly then children would have better future.

If people could abide by rules then the communities would be safer because communities could keep law and order.

Richard Garling.