

Question

Answer

Asset ID

709356

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Title

Ms

Please specify your title

Given name

Family name

I do not wish to provide my name

I do not wish to provide my name

Contact number

I do not wish to provide a telephone number

Email address

I do not wish to provide an email address

Street address

Suburb

State

QLD

Postcode

I do not wish to provide a postal address

What type of submission are you making?

I am responding to Discussion Paper 3 and making a general submission

Who are you making the submission for?

I am making this submission for myself

What is the name of the organisation?

What is the core work of the organisation?

What is your position in the organisation?

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Do you have authority from the organisation to make a submission on its behalf?

Please specify who you are making this submission for

Please select at least one from below

I have lived experience of domestic, family or sexual violence and/or of the criminal justice system, I have supported a friend or family member experiencing of domestic, family or sexual violence and/or engaging with the criminal justice system

Please specify (if **Others** was selected)

Are you able to advise a timeframe for when most of the lived experience/observations in your submission occurred?

In the past 10 or more years

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How would you like us to use your information?

Anonymous – published on website

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What is your age range?

I am between 26 – 35 years old

What is your gender?

Female

Please specify other gender

What is your current postcode?

What is your main language other than English spoken at home?

In which country were you born?

Australia

Do you identify as a member of any of the following groups? (Please tick all that apply)

Person with disability

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Your knowledge and experiences

Upload file

Answer

There is not enough support for survivors. There never has been and never will be. Women are scared to report an assault because they know they will be questioned - and not just treated as a victim. even myself - one of my assaults occurred many years ago; after the perpetrator got me intoxicated and assaulted me after he had disclosed that he was at the time, undergoing criminal proceedings for assaulting another girl. I have spent my life since then not only dealing with the trauma, but afraid to report because I was scared of how that would come back on me. I recently went into police headquarters to see if he'd ever been charged for the first assault and mentioned the second and asked what the process would be if I were to follow it through and left almost more traumatised than I arrived. The support for victims is lackluster. The public health system does absolutely nothing to help mental health sufferers and even less for PTSD. If it wasn't for the fact that I receive private treatment in a private hospital and with private psychiatrists, I would be dead. To live in the body of a survivor is to never be able to leave the scene of the crime - and I cannot forget that I live here. I wish to live in a world where women could report sexual assaults without fear - fear of judgement, fear of people thinking they 'made it up' fear of people siding with the perpetrator, fear of all the accusations of 'exaggeration, false reporting etc' and most of all, the trauma that goes with goes to trial and the horrific having to go through reliving it all as you are required to tell your story over to the courts to be judged and ridiculed.