

SUPPLIED IN CONFIDENCE TO THE NSW I.C.A.C.

[Service NSW 2021 COVID-19 Micro Business Grant] 'Retrospective Clawback and Extortion Scam'

[2022 - present]



Witness Personal Account and Victim Impact Statement

[Complainant #01 - UPDATE]

The following written evidence received from Steven Ridd by email to steve@naturetrail.com.au.

[Emails (most recent at top)]

START OF EVIDENCE

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 22 September 2024 2:46 PM
To: steve@naturetrail.com.au
Subject: Re: Service NSW Micro Business Grant clawback battle 'Chat Group' - Campaign Update #9

Steve,

Thank you for supplying these documents, it's greatly helpful.

I've included a part of my last email to Service NSW from the 3rd of September following an email I received after a call and follow-up from 'Ruchi' that I still had not provided enough information and as a result were referring me to Revenue NSW:

However, I note that Service NSW has altered the date of eligibility since the original date in 2021. My accountants will provide a statutory declaration if required to verify that the dates provided are correct as per the original dates that were detailed by Service NSW in order to be approved and receive the grant.

'Please be advised that I am contacting my Local Member of Parliament regarding this matter. Additionally, as highlighted in the national TV interview aired on 15 August on Channel Nine with the NSW Premier, Chris Minns, he was unaware of the attempt to reclaim funds from small businesses

three years after the fact, despite their compliance with the grant application requirements at the time and subsequent approval. I will also be seeking legal counsel and medical advice, as this matter has caused me significant distress.

I request that this case go to the next level in your organisation.'

I have not heard a word since. If something changes, I will update the group.

Regards,



End of supplied evidence

This document submitted by Steven Ridd, Managing Director, Wistmans Wood Holdings Pty Limited [ACN 600 331 931] as trustee for Wistmans Wood Trust [ABN 51 965 308 493] trading as Nature Trail. Registered Address: 5 Kundibar Street KATOOMBA NSW 2780.]

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