

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 #09]

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

[Emails (most recent at top)]

START OF EVIDENCE

From: John [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 24 June 2024 12:41 PM
To: steve@naturetrail.com.au
Subject: Re: Service NSW saga

Hi Steve,

Maybe I got special access because I put up a hard fight.....perhaps like you.

Perhaps the way to deal with these people is:

1. Fight hard and write many letters, pointing out all the faults in their case;
2. Request a court election with Revenue NSW. As yet I don't believe Revenue NSW has taken anyone to court and so seem reluctant to do so. Also they ceased all covid grant compliance work on 7 July 2023 and flicked it all back to Service NSW.
3. Tell Service NSW to get lost. Only Revenue NSW has debt collection powers.

I also speculate that the powers above told Service NSW to wrap up their compliance/ recovery program by 30 June 2024 and close it off.

All the best

John

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 23 June 2024 1:42 PM
To: steve@naturetrail.com.au
Subject: Re: Tina Dougherty

Hi Steve,

I found your blog detailing your battle with Revenue NSW and Service NSW to be a useful source of information.

I too have had a 2 and a half year battle with Revenue NSW and Service NSW. I think it may be over now. I recently told Tina at Service NSW to get lost and never contact me again. I told Revenue NSW they owe me money for damages which exceeds any claim Service NSW might have for grant recovery. Revenue NSW handed all the covid grant files back to Service NSW on 7 July 2023, so I probably won't hear from them again, particularly as Revenue NSW has not responded to any of my emails since last year. This is a very brief summary of a long story.

I'd be happy to chat to you over the phone if you are interested in the whole story, particularly if my experience might help other victims of the Revenue NSW and Service NSW harrasment machine, who have been in contact with you. Just let me know a suitable time.

Regards

John

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 20 June 2024 4:01 PM
To: steve@naturetrail.com.au
Subject: Tina Dougherty

Hi Steve,

I have been reading your blog about your battle with Service NSW.

Here are Tina Dougherty's direct contact details:

Tina Dougherty *GAICD*

Director Business Customer Service

Service NSW Business Bureau

Service NSW

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End of supplied evidence

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