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

[2022 - present]



Witness Personal Account and Victim Impact Statement [Complainant #15]

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

[Emails (most recent at top)]

START OF EVIDENCE

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 July 2024 4:22 PM
To: steve@naturetrail.com.au
Subject: Re: Service NSW Micro Business Grant - scam audit

Hi Steve,

Thanks so much for your reply, and for the update on your situation. How amazing that you have achieved an incredible outcome for yourself and your business, congratulations. It is such an overwhelming experience. I actually had a call from someone in their Internal Review department this morning, and it sounds like she will be helping me to overturn this decision, and stories like your give me heart that it might actually be possible.

Yes please keep me updated on events, and how things unfolded for you. I'm curious to know which pathway/contacts you found the most helpful in resolving your situation?

Thanks again Steve, I've read your blog posts several times over the past year as they've continued to give me hope that it is possible to find a way through this mess. I so appreciated knowing someone else has been going through it too.

Emma

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 15 July 2024 4:10 PM
To: steve@naturetrail.com.au
Subject: Your blog post about the Micro-business grant

Hi Steve,

My name is Emma, and I came across your website as I was looking for information about the Micro-business COVID grant audits. Like you, I received a shocking phone call and email, and have been in the process of asking for a review, providing additional information and requesting more clarity about the entire situation.

Have you had any success or insight about what's happening, there seems to be so little transparency about their "reviews" and "conditions" and I feel overwhelmed at knowing how to even respond any more.

Thanks for any time or insight you can share about this.

Kind regards

Emma [REDACTED]

End of supplied evidence

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