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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 #20]

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: Thursday, 19 September 2024 8:17 PM

To: steve@naturetrail.com.au

Subject: Re: My support campaign for grant recipients being extorted by Service NSW clawback of its Micro Business Grant

Hi Steve. Am I able to go into your private email chat group. (My storey) I sent in all that was requested. They wrote back saying earnings needed to be on a digital accounting platform. We have never used a digital accounting platform my accountant of the time advised it was a cost our small business never needed. Anyway long storey Short lady on the other end went cold dropped case, but now a new girl has now tried sending a email as if she was starting the whole process from the beginning like it's was our first ever contact. I'm lost with these clowns. I just want to get to the bottom of this and get it off my back so anyone's help would be appreciated.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 July 2024 10:29 PM
To: steve@naturetrail.com.au
Subject: Micro business grant

Hi Steve I read a lot of your article, and our family is being affected by this service nsw robo debt. I sent back all requests but they have turned around and asked for different sort of proof.. this is very frustrating as my partner is a sole trade hairdresser which was on the high impact list anyway.. we can clearly prove that we were eligible but they only want it in the form they would like to see.. there just trying to make it hard.

I was wonder if you could help me on how to go about this robo debt and what approach I need to take..

Regards [REDACTED]

End of supplied evidence

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