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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 UPDATE SINCE 14<sup>TH</sup> April 2024]

The following written evidence received from Steven Ridd by email to [steve@naturetrail.com.au](mailto:steve@naturetrail.com.au) .

[Emails (most recent at top)]

#### **START OF EVIDENCE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 October 2024 10:11 PM  
**To:** [steve@naturetrail.com.au](mailto:steve@naturetrail.com.au)  
**Subject:** Re: Service NSW Micro Business Grant clawback battle [REDACTED]

Hi Steve,

Firstly, thank you for your regular updates. I haven't been great at keeping in the loop with this, so I do appreciate you sharing the information and developments.

I submitted my covid grant situation to their internal formal dispute review process, and a couple of months ago spoke with someone there who seemed willing to help me through all of this. I still haven't heard back, although received a debt notice from Revenue NSW last week, followed by another email from service nsw the next day saying they were still in review and that any debts were placed on hold. I'm hopeful that in being patient I will eventually prevail, but I get a pit in the bottom of my stomach every time I see their email address in my inbox. I really hope it's resolved soon.

What sorts of pathways have other people taken to have their situation successfully resolved?



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

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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End of supplied evidence

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