

## ROYAL COMMISSION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ISSUES

For prevention of domestic violence, would you please include recommendations to introduce laws to prevent men (and other people) using CCTV and other weapons to violate women and children and coercively control them. Would you please also include violence in the home perpetuated by neighbours as the violence can be 24/7.

I now have [REDACTED] men on both sides of my property filming both [REDACTED] and my backyard. One of them is using CCTV in revenge for what he delusionally believes is my calling the cops and the other shows signs of perversion. I have been physically assaulted in the past but I feel far more threatened by this constant filming of my home than the brief assaults.

Last year, I contacted [REDACTED] Attorney-General. In his reply to her, he focussed on privacy and not safety and stated: "This is a matter I am seeking advice on, although any reform in this area is complex and must be carefully considered." He signed it on [REDACTED] informed me that I would be kept informed. Nearly a year later, I have heard nothing. I also emailed the Leader of the Opposition and received no reply. I am disappointed in these men in power who have shown no interest in protecting women and children from using protecting property as a guise for misusing CCTVs. I think that it is really important that Natasha Scott Despoja does what she can to protect women and children from CCTV.

One of my neighbours installed [REDACTED] on his eaves of which four overlook [REDACTED] high fences into backyards and bedrooms of his three neighbours. He had a [REDACTED] portable one about 4m above the ground near his back fence during his house construction and didn't tell the [REDACTED] mother [REDACTED] about it. The [REDACTED] daughter had some [REDACTED] swims, and she will never know if he filmed her or not, and if he did, what he has done to the footage. He told me that he had watched footage of his tradies "behaving badly" because he and his builder didn't provide a port-a-loo [REDACTED] I do not feel safe with his perversions so I contacted police but to many of my questions I was told "he is protecting his property" and he is legally allowed to film [REDACTED]

After [REDACTED] visits to police stations, the police finally agreed to visit as I told them the owner was breaching the Surveillance Act. The owner claimed that his CCTV recognise fences and blur vision beyond them. I and one of the other neighbours [REDACTED] don't believe that at all. When I asked about the surveillance without my consent, the police told me that I had no proof that the owner had recorded anything so I and visitors [REDACTED] are still under constant threat of being filmed without our consent.

The other middle-aged man is currently building a [REDACTED]. Last [REDACTED] one [REDACTED] tried to alter the angle to stop it filming my main bedroom. The builder shouted at me that the tradie didn't have the jurisdiction to move it and he would sue me if I asked again. He falsely accused me of calling the police about his CCTV and threatened to sue me if I called them again. In [REDACTED] the builder installed wiring to enable permanent filming of my bedroom [REDACTED] He claims I don't respect him so he isn't respecting my privacy and safety. He claims I don't respect him because I called the cops [REDACTED] times about his property and that he has access to the police records that prove it and he works for an [REDACTED] company so he can use [REDACTED] law firms (he even listed them) to sue me if I talk to the cops again. He still won't believe I

haven't called the cops about his property so he is delusional as well as paranoid about the police, foul-mouthed and threatening, yet there's nothing I can do. One can't even chat in the street without being shouted through the CCTV to "shut the fuck up" followed by more "fuck" words.

In [REDACTED], I emailed the family that owns the property and informed them I do not give consent to any activity in my [REDACTED] being surveilled. I have received no responses. When I recently saw the owners and politely asked them to stop filming my [REDACTED], they quickly tried to avoid me and claimed they knew nothing about it. They are clearly responsible for the CCTV and have shown no respect nor intention to stop filming my bedroom. I have heard them communicating through the CCTV so a few people have access to the footage.

In Queensland, it is a criminal offence so why not here? See:

<https://www.oic.qld.gov.au/guidelines/for-community-members/Information-sheets-privacy-principles/camera-surveillance,-video,-and-audio-recording-a-community-guide>.

It appears to me that SA legislation has not kept up with the increase use of CCTV and their improved technology. If people must have CCTV in the back and sides of their properties, why can't they be legislated to be installed at a height to not be able to overlook fences 1.8m high? Unfortunately, I am sure there are many women like me who need help from perverted men.