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**Fact Sheet No 6 – Who Would You Rather Be?  
Abuser Or Victim?**

**1.0 What Happens To The Abusers?**

- Abusers are placed upon “Suspension”
- Suspension means:-
  - a. No Military Work
  - b. No Day Work
  - c. You still can finish your degree
  - d. You can still go on leave
  - e. You still have your meals with your mates in the mess.
  - f. You can still go down to the bar to have a beer with your mates
  - g. You can still harass witnesses and victims.
  - h. Defence never seems to get around to punishing you.
- The only exception is that recently the new Commanding Officer of HMAS Cerberus, Captain Katherine Richards RAN:
  - a. Placed a number of people on suspension
  - b. Said that there was no place for them on her base
  - c. Transferred them out

If only there were more like Captain Richards RAN!

## **2.0 What Happens To The Victims?**

- Not allowed to their complete Degree
- In the case of the poor girl at the centre of the Skype Scandal:-
  - a. Continually transferred from Base to Base like you have an infectious disease and
  - b. Referred to as the “Skype Slut “and spat upon
  - c. Have pressure put on your friends to join in the abuse
- If in hospital for rape forcibly discharged to continue basic training
- If in hospital, for broken ankles from assault, forcibly discharged before fully healed – medical records not showing why you were in hospital
- Abused
- If raped, told to “Suck It Up” as if it was only a minor injury!
- No real or effective counselling or support.

## **3.0 Is It Little Wonder The Abuse Continues And Expands!**

No! - It is time for change!

As electors we say it must!

## **4.0 More Information**

For more information contact Jennifer Jacomb, Public Officer And Secretary of Victims Of Abuse In The Australian Defence Force A0059257W on 0414 724 565 or by email to [jennifer@adfabuse.com](mailto:jennifer@adfabuse.com).

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**The Australian Defence Force And Abuse:-**

**"It was Hubris that made Angels into Devils.**

**It is obstinacy that keeps them in Hell"**