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The Voice For The Voiceless



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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.

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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"