

June 5th, 2014

National Children's Commissioner

Megan Mitchell.

Dear Ms Mitchell,

In my original submission to the coroner, after my son's death, I omitted to write about one line of investigation my GP, _____, was implementing.

My visits to _____ were frequent at this time seeking help for _____ excessively violent behaviour. _____ began to wonder if _____ had been born XYY instead of XY. The extra Y chromosome would have meant extra testosterone thus resulting in extra aggression. _____ had booked an appointment with _____ at which time the test would have been requested. That appointment was never kept as _____ died beforehand. In fact the appointment was booked for the day which turned out to be the day of his funeral.

It was important to me to eliminate the XYY factor so I phoned the Coroner's office in Melbourne (where Mitchell had been transported to). _____ authorised the DNA test and it was carried out in Melbourne. The result was that Mitchell WAS NOT XYY.

My belief is that Roaccutane, and the fact that nobody appeared to listen to me, plus the fact that the warning about Anger & Aggression are not in the Australian leaflet, are responsible for death.

While I am extremely grateful that this enquiry is taking place, I am concerned that it has not been widely publicised. A friend heard a brief news item on the radio and alerted me to it. I then watched every television news broadcast as well as read the daily newspaper – nothing. The only information I was able to obtain was when I googled Australian Government enquiry into Roaccutane. This produced a brief item in The Australian newspaper. I then made contact with my Federal Member, _____. Her office knew nothing of the enquiry. They have been helpful and followed up on my enquiry.

My concern is that there are many other families who have lost children to this medication who may not be aware of the enquiry or if they do know, do not know how to go about voicing their concerns. If this is to be a far reaching enquiry open to all, it needs to be made public.

My husband and myself have been given a life sentence. _____ was an only child.

Please ensure that _____ did not die in vain.

Thanking you for your interest and investigation in this matter,

Yours Sincerely,