

Malcolm Baker Forcibly Injected Again: January 2018

Malcolm is being forcibly injected with 300 mg of cloxipol fortnightly after being assaulted on two separate occasions by prisoners. He was transferred on the 10th of January 2018 from the MRRC (Silverwater Correctional Complex) to Long Bay Prison Hospital where they injected him. He was the victim, but Justice Health punished him.

The Mental Health Review Tribunal made the order that Malcolm Baker should continue to be forcibly medicated at Long Bay Prison Hospital on the 1st of February 2018.

On the previous three occasions, the Tribunal found **no justification** for continuing Malcolm's forced medication. The use of the medical profession as a management tool to deal with unpopular prisoners is not only illegal, but contravenes fundamental human rights obligations set out under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

The medication causes Malcolm **serious side effects**. Loss of energy, listlessness, headaches, difficulties reading and concentrating are just a few of the symptoms that Malcolm explained to the Tribunal as contributing to his degrading sense of self-worth. Outrageously, the Tribunal ignored the law that requires Malcolm to be a threat to himself or to others.

Despite Malcolm having no record of violence over 26 years, Health Authorities have continued to be complicit in his **long-term abuse**. Since his last victory, Malcolm was held in a mental health unit in Silverwater Correctional Complex. He had no job, no education, and was constantly exposed to mentally ill people. Malcolm was set-up for failure. Although he didn't do anything wrong, he was eventually transferred back to Long Bay Prison Hospital.

Justice Health also **obstructed Malcolm's defence**. The report prepared for the MHRT was withheld until morning of the hearing. Further, the medical professionals that attended the hearing had no information about the assaults.

Justice Action is currently looking into an appeal to the Supreme Court. We remain committed to advocating on Malcolm's behalf and exposing the **systematic abuse of power** that embeds itself within the criminal justice system and the deliverance of mental health services.