Number of women in Australia who have had transvaginal mesh implants and related matters

Submission 6

## Mesh errrosion implant



To The Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs

Subject: Transvaginal Mesh Implants

My name is and I have been a victim of mesh errosion due to a transvaginal mesh implant.

I had a prolapse problem, so I went and had surgery in which a transvaginal mesh implant was fitted. This was the second implant that I had fitted in 4 years as the first one failed, so I had to have that removed before having the second implant fitted.

I have had so many bladder infections, and I have had so many antibiotics to try and relieve myself as my bladder was continually uncomfortable. due to infections.

I was finally sent to a Urologist who did a few more surgery's. She found that part of the mesh had erroded and implanted itself into part of my bladder. I then had to have major surgery to try and remove the mesh from my bladder, and then repair the bladder. This took quite a while to get over, but I still continued to get infections. I had more antibiotics and more surgery to try and remove the rest of the sling, it all couldn't be removed as it was in parts to hard to get too.

I have suffered so badly due to this mesh erosion and all these infections. I have had the discomfort continually, so it affected me at night, I was up and down all night, then during the day if I went out, I was always rushing to the toilet.

Since having the last surgery, I have been better, but not back to normal, I now have an incontinence problem which is hard and embarrasing, the only other option is to have more surgery, which I am hesitant about now because of the past.

I hope that this helps with the Mesh Class Action.

Yours faithfully,