

Attention: Senate Enquiry into Suicide.

To whom it may concern

Dear sir and Madam,

My life has been affected by suicide and I was listening to the ABC radio about your inquiry. I have a close friend who works in the speaker's office who helped me with this address to send you some input.

I lost my second youngest son Corry Daniel Knight last year on the 30<sup>th</sup> April to suicide. He took his life after struggling with depression after the death of my youngest son and his younger brother, Rikky Lee Knight. Rikky was killed in a motor cycle accident on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2004; Corry was there by his brother's side with my second eldest son Aaron, after the accident. Memories haunted both my boys, they still affect Aaron.

Aaron is still a worry at times, he rings me sad and depressed, some times I can talk to him and help him but other times I also feel sad and miss my two sons'. I worry about Aaron but I can't be with him all the time. There is no easy answer.

Corry moved away and was living in QLD, he was depressed before he left and he thought moving away would help hide his memories. He had been to see a doctor after I had asked him to and he ended up on anti depressants.

Corry was admitted to hospital for attempting to take his life on several occasions, alas he was released with out too much intervention from medical staff on follow up help. I don't know the answer for this terrible thing but there must be a better way to administer medications that are strong enough to kill.

The QLD coroner was very helpful after Corry's death; I asked him how Corry was able to obtain high levels of medication over a long period of time. He looked into Corry's Medicare usage and explained to me the expression "Doctor shopping".

Corry left two small children behind who will grow up asking questions about their father, it will be my job to make sure they know how much he loved them and try and let them understand how much he loved his younger brother explain about depression.

Two months after Corry's death I have a friend who lost three of her young children, her husband took his life and there's. Changes need to be made to family law when there is a separation or domestic violence orders in place. When this tragedy occurred I was so thank full that Corry had not hurt his two children or his partner.

We can not look into a mind of any person; they let you see what they want you to see.

I will admit I have had thoughts also of ending the pain that I endure every day I look into the photo frames of my son's, it leaves deep scars in a parent's heart when they lose a child, it is a loss that can not be replaced.

I have joined a group for parents who have lost a child, Compassionate Friends. Amongst the parents are people who have lost children, grandchildren from many different reasons.

Suicide costs the community more than money, we had a 14yr old boy from the south coast take his life from being bullied, how sad. It is the repercussions after the death of someone that causes grief in not only the immediate family but the friends of the person.

Children that will grow up not knowing their parent, it is a terrible thing that a person should feel so alone as to take their life.

I am available to discuss this matter more in-depth if necessary.

Since I lost Rikky and Corry my life has been changed forever, I am lucky to have a very understanding and supportive partner.

Regards  
Suzanne