



Let's Get Marie Home

Marie is 86 and living with Dementia with Lewy Bodies. She has been held in the Base Hospital Mackay for 7 weeks. The hospital tried to discharge her five weeks ago but the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) refuse to let her return home and are forcing her into the first nursing home that has a vacant bed. Marie and John paid off their house and she has lived in it for 55 years. The last 5 with me, her son, as her carer. Dad passed away there, in his own house in 2014 and I've promised Mum she can live there for the rest of her life. The OPG are trying to force me to break that promise as they believe people who have dementia belong in institutions instead of their own homes. Mum has chooks, a cockatiel called Lucky and a garden she walks around every morning. We walk, drive (90kms a day) and shop. I need to engage lawyers to fight the OPG and I've been told I need to pay in advance. I don't know how much it will be but I'm sure it will be expensive. I have a credit card I can use and I've saved Mum close to \$30000 but I don't want to use her money. It's hers and she deserves some small luxury. Marie's doctor, the Aged Care Assessment Team, the Hospital, Occupational Therapists and her family want her to return home with me to care for her. We have a wet room and a lift chair that goes up & down the back stairs. Marie is not wheelchair bound but needs to build her strength to get back to where she was, so I will need a hoist and two wheelchairs and we are prepared to adapt the house as needed. The OPG refuse to negotiate or entertain any form of compromise and threatened that if I did not comply they would take control of Mum's finances away from me, at which point her house will be sold to pay for the nursing home. I feel this is a breach of Mum's human rights to decide to live in a home she owns. It's hers and she is not allowed to live in it. I spend 12 hrs/day with her at the hospital (slept on a chair beside her bed for 2 weeks until I was caught) but I can't stop the bruises and skin tears. I'm not allowed to move her even though she can walk and I have to let the staff shower her. The hospital is cold and noisy. The staff do their best but the noise frightens her and I have to leave her alone overnight. I can't live with the thought of her waking in a strange room with strange noises and only strangers to call to for help. At home I'm with her 24/7 and she is waited on hand and foot. I would gleefully die for her and will not stop until she is in her home again.

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Dal Ch
4 months ago

This is a common story Australia wide. hence the creation of www.aasgaa.com a group of victims and families struggling and fighting this cause. Please go to our website and click on our Facebook link so we can link you to our QLD group

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Mia Petra
4 months ago

OPG are not honouring wishes or what is best for your mother because they only want your mother's house and money. Please contact aasgaa.com we are a new support site for families in your situation and we have experienced what you are going through. Our collective experiences show the abuses perpetrated by these institutions for decades. Please be careful we have horror stories of dealing with some lawyers who claim they act for you.

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Brian Herd
4 months ago

As a matter of principle this is not right - it's wrong to keep her from home - we are all entitled to take risks as are her decision makers As a matter of pragmatism, the longer she stays in hospital the harder it will be for her to go home - lying in an unstimulating hospital bed all day is a recipe for physical and mental decline

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Lora
2 months ago

Got more joy from a psychic in fact.. 1 wk ago asked when my mother is returning home, said 3 weeks he can see my mother back home, coincidentally 3wks makes 12 weeks & that's usually how long patients stay at Caulfield "rehab". <https://www.oranum.com/en/chat-html5/TOZORION99>

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Lora
2 months ago

Bureaucrazies believe they're fonts of all knowledge, know the ins & outs of everything, often they're the most incompetent ghouls going. Should get on the radio.. 4bc overnight usually can get on esp. if call early. I talked about my mother's situation.. has been at Caulfield Aged Care "rehab" 10wks today.. deteriorates day by day, the care is atrocious. Rehab by name only!

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2 months ago

I donated because I'm a paid up member of the "Born Losers Society" of Townsville and am sworn to always help a fellow member

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2 months ago

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Lora Stock
2 months ago

Giving OPG a piece of my mind

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\$50
Kate Hegarty
3 months ago

All the very best to you.

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\$150
BoZ BoZ
4 months ago

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\$40
Lisa Pownall
4 months ago

I hope more people can help. I'm on a pension, but I donated a small amount to help your Mum. My grandmother had dementia and we (Mum and I) cared for her until it was beyond our physical capability. Even then, Mum was reluctant and regretful about having to let Nan go into a home.

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\$50
Cathmar Ross
4 months ago

I'm so sorry this is happening to your mum. Can you not get your local Gp to advocate for her if they are supportive of her wish to return home?

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Craig Adams
4 months ago

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Anonymous
4 months ago

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