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I am a survivor member of INCAS and wish to express my personal opinions in relation to Redress.

As the abuse I suffered was in the years I was in the care of local authority, foster care and a putative father's sexual abuse having been given access to myself and sister whilst under the LA's care.

As one of the foster family still lives, who did mete out severe punishments, including a threat to abuse me in a sexual way with a broom handle, why would I be expected to sign the waiver to protect this person? Surely, as well as social works responsibility, I should be allowed the choice of making a totally separate claim for reparation without consequence, in fact accepting The State's Redress offer for their failing in their duty of care is not justice for the trauma the foster carers caused me. Or, will the Scottish government include foster carers in the invitation to contribute? If so, will I be shown proof or advised of their contribution agreement?

It is important that calling us Survivors is just a descriptor, we are and always have been... PEOPLE.... we may have missed opportunities, but most have tried to live as part of our communities and managed to hold down jobs of all kinds, being traumatised as children wasn't the only obstacles we faced, our self-worth was impeded, yet it has taken a group of survivors 20 years to get recognition and laws amended..... No Government parties made the decision to take up this, so called, apology without survivor input.

The Redress waiver should be reconsidered and amended to show a real connection with survivors.