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“A Life Sentence!”

For the past five years, the Department of Human Services in Victoria, with ministerial support, has electronically blocked/redirected, within the firewall of their statewide webserver, the Emails of the Tregale family.

Mr Tregale says this all powerful government department has implemented this discriminatory action with no consultation whatsoever.

We had no knowledge of the six page, minister approved, directive against us. It's presence was mooted by the State Ombudsman, and revealed by FOI application, but only two pages would be released, Mr Tregale said.

The DHS say they periodically review the matter, but we are never part of that review, and this government department has never justified that which they used to convince the then minister to approve the restriction order. There is no termination date, so it is a life sentence, Mr Tregale said.

The Tregale family are seeking reasonable justice in a country which claims to be democratic, and supportive of human rights. Yet the despotic actions of this state government department is little better than those of many third world countries.

The objective of LISA Inc is to empower and support families with a member with an intellectual or multiple disability who is living in supported accommodation to better understand service provision procedures, care policies, standards and values, and thereby be better positioned to scrutinise service providers. And, to lobby service providers for consistent and meaningful provision of quality of life care.