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**Petitioners Helen Holland and Chris Daly Response to
Scottish Government Submission to the Public Petitions Committee
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1. Tom Shaw's Recommendation within the Time to Be Heard Report was that the roll out of TTBH to the National Confidential Forum should be totally independent of Government. This was also pointed out by PPC member John Wilson. (TTBH Recommendation 1)
2. The Pilot Forum was to inform the roll out. Why repeat the same process with a Reference Group and a Stakeholders Group?
3. We await with interest the publication of the report into "Resilience of Survivors".
4. What is the timescale for completion of the Scottish Human Rights "Interaction"? SHRC Tom Shaw and Government all agreed that action should be the watchword. We petitioners feel this whole process should have been timely years ago.
5. Government has been aware of the Time Bar issue and it's injustice since 2004. What assurances can we be given that this report will be delayed no further?
6. We will follow the progress of Margaret Mitchell MSP's Private Members Bill with interest. We also hope to engage with the MSP on this issue.
7. We feel that survivors need action now rather than sympathy.
8. We petitioners recognise the importance of this research. However the needs of survivors living with the legacy of the trauma should be addressed now.
9. Research has its place however now the time is for Acknowledgement Accountability and Redress.

CONCLUSION

The Scottish Government's submission looks to be very positive however they need to be aware of the urgency of survivor needs and we feel the delay is causing unnecessary distress to survivors who have expressed a view that they are being further traumatised by the length of the process.

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