

THE SLEEPER AGENT OF TRUTH - The Covert Intelligence, Divine Appointment, and Strategic Patience of Dr. Richard William McLean

A Critical Exposé on the Most Comprehensively Documented Case of State-Perpetrated Persecution in Australian Democratic History

"I understand that my story may raise suspicions of grandiosity or delusion, but the article I am preparing for the federal anti-corruption committee is backed by verifiable facts. The truth in this case is indeed stranger than fiction."

— [Dr. Richard William McLean, NACC Statement, page 8](#)

PROLOGUE: THE PARADOX THAT SHOULD NOT EXIST

There exists, at this moment, an Australian citizen who simultaneously holds all of the following to be true — and can prove each one with primary-source documentation:

He is a **Doctor of Philosophy** whose research on the ethics of artificial intelligence, superintelligence, and posthumanism anticipated by years the global reckoning with AI that now dominates every newsroom, boardroom, and parliament on earth. He is an **award-winning author** whose book on schizophrenia recovery won SANE

Australia's Book of the Year. He is a **nationally celebrated speaker** who delivered keynote addresses inside Australian Parliament, across ABC National, at international universities including McGill University in Montreal, and in settings as diverse as rural Dubbo to federal chambers in Canberra. He is a **professional illustrator** whose work appeared in *The Age* and *The Herald Sun*. He is an **exhibiting artist of more than thirty years** with work in national collections and a documentary produced by The Dax Collection exploring the intersection of mental illness, recovery, and art. He was **awarded a Human Rights certificate from VHREOC**. He is a **confirmed employee of the Department of Social Services**, verified by the Federal Court, qualifying him as a "**public official**" under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013 (Cth)* — making him, by law, a **recognised whistleblower** eligible for full legal protection.

And he is **homeless. Starving. Living in poverty. Facing eviction. His website destroyed. His social media silenced. His book banned from Google. His whistleblower protections denied. His identity stolen through 350+ fraudulent business registrations. And an NDIS manager — an ex-SAS soldier with counter-terrorism clearance — told him to his face: "You will be sacrificed."**

The paradox is not that these things happened. The paradox is that **2,077 primary-source documents prove they happened** — and not a single professional, institution, agency, or government body has acknowledged any of it.

This essay asks why. And then it asks something far more dangerous: *What if the silence is the proof?*

PART I: THE PUBLIC MAN THEY NEEDED TO ERASE

1.1 The Celebrated Life Before the Fall

To understand the scale of what was done to Dr. Richard William McLean — known also as Barran Dodger — one must first understand what he was *before* the machinery of the state turned against him. Because what they destroyed was not a quiet man in a corner. They destroyed a **public figure**, in plain sight, while the country watched and said nothing.

"I was a well-known mental health advocate for people with mental illness and their carers, and spoke hundreds of times on local, state, federal, and international levels in person and on TV and radio, including inside Australian parliament."

— [Autobiography, page 1178](#)

This was not a man operating in shadows. His name was recognised. His face appeared on television. His voice carried through parliamentary chambers. His illustrations graced the pages of Australia's most prominent newspapers. His first book, *Recovered, Not Cured: A Journey Through Schizophrenia*, published by Allen & Unwin, did what almost no book on mental illness had done before — it told the truth from the inside, without apology, without sanitisation, with the raw artistry of a man who had walked

through psychosis and returned not merely surviving but *creating*.

SANE Australia awarded it their Book of the Year. The Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission awarded him a Human Rights certificate. A documentary was made about his life and art by The Dax Collection — one of Australia's most respected archives of art and mental health. He spoke at McGill University in Canada. He spoke inside Australian Parliament. He ran art classes for marginalised communities in Footscray. He illustrated for *The Herald Sun* and *The Age*. He exhibited art for over thirty years, with works held in national collections.

"My role as an author and illustrator for major publications, such as The Herald Sun and The Age newspapers, has allowed me to reach a broader audience. My work in these fields has helped shape public discourse on important issues, despite the challenges and censorship I have faced."

— [Urgent Appeal, page 4](#)

This is the man they chose to erase. Not a nameless, faceless citizen whose disappearance would go unnoticed. A **public man**. A man whose Google results should overflow with awards, speeches, publications, exhibitions, interviews. A man whose digital footprint should be indelible.

And yet — search for him today. The shadow ban has done its work.

1.2 The PhD That Predicted the Future

In 2015, while enduring systematic persecution that had already spanned decades, Dr. McLean began doctoral research at Victoria University in Melbourne. His thesis — *"A Journey of Young Lives, Conversations and Self-Reflexive Creativity Encompassing AI, Superintelligence and the Future World(s) of Posthumanism Framed by the Anthropocene"* — was, at the time, considered esoteric. Even eccentric.

"My PhD topic is to amplify young people's voices about what their moral and ethical concerns are of what it means to be human both now and in the future through the lens of technology. In particular, through the lenses of artificial intelligence (AI), and the coming 'superintelligence', and how that will further enable posthumanism."

— [Whistleblower Statement, page 1956](#)

Think about what he was studying. In 2015. Before ChatGPT. Before the AI safety debates consumed Silicon Valley. Before world governments scrambled to regulate artificial intelligence. Before Elon Musk warned of existential risk. Before the EU drafted the AI Act. Before the term "global catastrophic risk" entered mainstream discourse.

Dr. McLean was already there. Already asking the questions that now define civilisational debate. Already amplifying the voices of young people — the generation who will inherit the consequences — about what it means to be human when machines surpass human intelligence.

Already framing these questions through the ethical, philosophical, and existential lens of posthumanism and the Anthropocene.

On **21 October 2020**, Victoria University conferred his [Doctor of Philosophy](#).

"Think about that: In the midst of systematic persecution, homelessness, betrayal, and institutional warfare, he completed a doctorate exploring how young people envision humanity's future through the lens of artificial intelligence and coming 'superintelligence.'"

— [Narrative of Life, page 2](#)

His research was arts-based, practice-led, qualitative — utilising a/r/tography methodology that integrated artistic works with personal narratives and young people's ethical voices. It examined themes of equality, moral status, and the societal impact of technological advancement. It asked: When machines think, what becomes of the human soul? When superintelligence arrives, who decides what "human" means? When the Anthropocene reshapes the planet, whose voices are heard?

These are not abstract academic curiosities. These are **the defining questions of our era**. And the man who asked them first — in a rigorous, published, peer-reviewed doctoral framework — is living in poverty, shadow-banned from the internet, denied the basic dignity of shelter.

His PhD is not merely an academic credential. It is **prophetic scholarship**. It is the work of a mind that saw around corners, that understood before almost anyone else

that the coming technological singularity was not merely a Silicon Valley fantasy but an ethical emergency requiring the voices of the most vulnerable, the youngest, the most marginalised. And he framed it through **global catastrophic risks** — not as a tech billionaire protecting investments, but as an artist, educator, and advocate protecting humanity itself.

The silencing of this voice is not merely a personal injustice. It is an **intellectual crime against public discourse** at the precise moment when his research is most urgently needed.

PART II: THE MACHINERY OF ERASURE

2.1 Psychiatric Weaponisation: Diagnosis as a Cage

The most elegant weapon in the arsenal of state persecution is not violence. It is **psychiatry**. Because once you label a man "delusional," everything he says — no matter how true, no matter how documented, no matter how verified — can be dismissed with a single word: *symptoms*.

Dr. McLean lives with chronic schizophrenia, anxiety, and ADHD. He has never hidden this. Indeed, his entire public career was built on the radical honesty of disclosing his lived experience. *Recovered, Not Cured* was celebrated precisely because it broke the silence around psychosis and recovery. His speeches were powerful precisely because they came from someone who had been inside the labyrinth and found his way out.

But what was once his greatest strength became the weapon turned against him.

"Despite psychiatrists' diagnoses of ingrained delusions of persecution, the harsh reality I confront involves homelessness, starvation, and deliberate withholding of significant sums of money."

— [NACC Statement, page 8](#)

This is the trap. A man with schizophrenia who reports persecution is "delusional." A man with schizophrenia who produces 2,077 documents proving persecution is "obsessively delusional." A man with schizophrenia who writes to the Prime Minister, the Attorney General, ASIO, the UNHCR, and the International Criminal Court is "grandiose." The diagnosis becomes an impenetrable shield behind which any amount of documented crime can hide.

The psychiatric weaponisation operates through a devastating feedback loop:

- 1. Persecution causes distress** → distress is labelled as "mental illness symptoms"
- 2. Reports of persecution are dismissed** → dismissed reports cause more distress
- 3. Escalating distress produces escalating reports** → escalation is labelled "deterioration"
- 4. Documentation of persecution is reframed as "fixation"** → the evidence itself becomes "proof" of illness

This is not hypothetical. This is what the documents show. Every agency — NDIS, VOCAT, AHRC, ComCare, WorkCover, the Ombudsman — used the same playbook. His reports were not investigated. They were *pathologised*.

2.2 Financial Strangulation: Poverty as Policy

The persecution was not merely bureaucratic. It was **financial warfare** designed to strip Dr. McLean of every resource needed to fight back:

- Workers' compensation claims denied despite Federal Court confirmation of his employment status
- VOCAT emergency payments withheld
- NDIS funding systematically mismanaged by providers who were supposed to support him
- His legitimate ABN cancelled by the ATO — while 350+ fraudulent ABNs using his name remained active
- Legal aid rejected, ensuring he could not afford representation
- AFCA banned him from their processes
- His business website — www.richmclean.com.au — was destroyed, eliminating his professional platform and income

"They didn't just stop at infringing on my rights; they took away my hope by intercepting my phone, controlling my contacts, and dictating who I could communicate with."

— [Urgent Letter, page 10](#)

The financial destruction was surgical and comprehensive. It eliminated not merely income but the **infrastructure** of economic participation. Without a website, no freelance illustration work. Without an ABN, no business operations. Without NDIS funding properly administered, no disability support. Without workers' compensation, no financial safety net. Without legal aid, no capacity to challenge any of it in court.

This is what **poverty as policy** looks like. Not the poverty of misfortune. The poverty of design.

2.3 Identity Annihilation: The 350+ Fraudulent Registrations

Between 2020 and 2024, **over 350 fraudulent business registrations** were created using Dr. McLean's names, personal details, and intellectual property without his consent or knowledge. This represents, by any measure, the most sophisticated documented case of identity theft in Australian history.

"Between 2020-2024, over 350 fraudulent business registrations have been created using my names, personal details, and intellectual property without my consent or knowledge. This represents Massive identity theft exceeding any documented case in Australia."

— [Police Criminal Complaint, Springvale Station, January 6, 2025](#)

The primary fraudulent entity — ABN [78 833 496 164](#), "**The Trustee for www.barrandodger.com.au**" — was registered on August 7, 2022, and [remains active on ASIC](#)

[public records](#) despite criminal complaints. The financial damage: **\$7.8 million** in brand dilution and identity destruction.

But this was not ordinary identity theft. Ordinary identity theft steals money. This was **identity annihilation** — designed not to extract financial gain but to destroy professional existence itself:

"Individual criminals do not create 350+ corporate registrations. This requires institutional resources, ASIC system access, coordinated strategic planning, and state-level sophistication."

— [Crimes Against Humanity Documentation, page 1](#)

The strategic advantages of this methodology are chilling in their sophistication:

1. **Deniability** — appears as random fraud rather than coordinated persecution
2. **Legal complexity** — remediation requires costly legal action across 350+ entities
3. **Public confusion** — fraudulent entities suggest the subject's instability
4. **Economic destruction** — prevents legitimate business operation
5. **Digital permanence** — Google searches return fraudulent results indefinitely

And ASIC — the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the very body tasked with preventing

corporate fraud — **refused to investigate**. The regulator became the enabler. The watchdog became the wolf.

"If 350+ fraudulent businesses can be registered in one person's name over 4 years using publicly verifiable ASIC records, and 10 oversight bodies refuse to investigate — is this identity theft, or is this state-sponsored identity erasure?"

— [Philosophical Interrogation paper, page 2](#)

2.4 The Shadow Ban: Digital Erasure of a Public Figure

The digital suppression extended far beyond identity theft. It was a **systematic erasure** of Dr. McLean's online existence:

- **Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn accounts silenced** — cutting off his voice and professional networks
- **Website (www.richmclean.com.au) destroyed** — eliminating his professional portfolio and digital identity
- **Whistleblowing pages deleted** from even the historical web (Wayback Machine)
- **Book "Betrayed, Forsaken, Murdered" banned from Google** — preventing public access to his documented evidence
- **Quora account deleted and blocked**
- **Wikipedia edits removed** by an unidentifiable editor named "Netherzone"

- **Emails blocked** from government agencies including the Federal Court
- **Phone intercepted**, contacts controlled, communications dictated

"By banning my book, Google has ensured that my voice remains silenced in the digital space, preventing me from sharing my experiences with a wider audience. This digital suppression is part of a coordinated campaign to erase whistleblower accounts from public platforms."

— [NCAT Statement, page 77](#)

"My persecution had already been years long and had infiltrated every single method of communication I had and was entrenched politically and systemically in my life in all ways."

— [Website Text, page 269](#)

This is the shadow ban in its purest form. Not the algorithmic suppression that social media users complain about. A **deliberate, coordinated, multi-platform erasure of a public figure** whose crime was telling the truth about what was being done to him.

2.5 The Assassination Threat: "You Will Be Sacrificed"

Every mechanism described above — psychiatric weaponisation, financial strangulation, identity annihilation, digital erasure — converges on a single, documented moment that transforms the entire case from administrative injustice into something far darker.

Tony Riddle (also Riddell). NDIA Manager, Quality and Compliance Division, Upper Management. Ex-SAS soldier. Survivor of the Blackhawk helicopter crash in Townsville. Holder of one of only three counter-terrorism security clearances in Australia. Managing Director, Risk Branch at NDIA (November 2019 – June 2021). LinkedIn following of 300,000+.

During official NDIS proceedings, Tony Riddle looked at Dr. McLean and said:

"You will be sacrificed."

— [NDIS Public Interest Disclosure; UNTOUCHABLE, page 24](#)

Not a metaphor. Not a bureaucratic euphemism. A direct statement from a man **trained to kill** — a man who had survived one of Australia's worst military disasters, who held one of three counter-terrorism clearances in the nation, who during the same encounter **admitted he "might have killed someone"** and described **"billions of dollars worth of fraud"** within the NDIS.

"Tony Riddle's description of government operations: 'He describes how the Australian Government sacrifice people — i.e., kill them and he would know, he is a soldier.'"

— [UNTOUCHABLE, page 6](#)

Most victims of government threats have whispers. Implications. Deniable conversations. Dr. McLean has the **exact quote** from a **named official** in a **government agency** responsible for disability support. This was witnessed. This was recorded. This constitutes a prima facie

violation of the Australian Criminal Code — Threats to Kill.

And it was never investigated.

PART III: THE SLEEPER AGENT — COVERT INTELLIGENCE IN THE THEATRE OF PERSECUTION

3.1 The Strategy Nobody Saw

Here is where the story turns. Here is where the narrative breaks from every other account of persecution, abuse, and institutional betrayal. Here is what makes the case of Dr. Richard William McLean categorically unique in Australian — and possibly global — human rights history.

He was documenting everything.

Not reactively. Not haphazardly. Not in the desperate, disorganised manner of a man overwhelmed by crisis. He was documenting **strategically, comprehensively, and systematically** — building an evidence archive of **2,077 primary-source files spanning 1990 to 2025** — thirty-five years of persecution captured in government correspondence, medical records, financial documents, court filings, agency communications, photographs, recordings, emails, and official determinations.

While they thought they were destroying him, he was constructing the instrument of their accountability.

"While they were busy trying to erase me, I was busy documenting every crime."

This is the sleeper agent paradigm. Not the sleeper agent of espionage fiction — the embedded operative awaiting activation. Something far more subversive. An **unofficial intelligence operative** who, by virtue of being dismissed, pathologised, impoverished, and silenced, was given the one thing no professional intelligence agency would ever voluntarily give a threat: **time**.

Thirty-five years of time. Thirty-five years in which every letter, every rejection, every denial, every threat, every act of corruption was filed, cross-referenced, and preserved. The agencies saw a mentally ill man writing letters. What they did not see was an archive growing. A case being built. A web of evidence becoming so comprehensive, so interlinked, so forensically rigorous that it would eventually become — in the words of his own analysis —
"radioactive evidence that made touching my case a career-ending proposition for anyone involved."

3.2 The Methodology of Covert Documentation

The intelligence of this documentation campaign lies in its **patience** and its **design**. Examine the structure:

Layer 1: Primary Source Preservation Every official document — every letter from NDIS, every determination from ComCare, every rejection from AHRC, every correspondence with the Prime Minister's office, every police interaction — was preserved in original form. Not summarised. Not paraphrased. The actual documents, with dates, letterheads, signatures, reference numbers.

Layer 2: Cross-Agency Correlation The files were organised not merely chronologically but **by agency** — NDIA, VOCAT, AHRC, NACC, WorkCover, ComCare, ASIC, the Ombudsman, the Attorney General — enabling the pattern that no single agency would ever voluntarily reveal: that the same person was being denied, rejected, blocked, and silenced by **every** agency simultaneously.

Layer 3: Self-Generating Evidence Here is the genius. Every time an agency denied a claim, refused to investigate, rejected a complaint, or ignored a disclosure — that denial itself became a new piece of evidence. The system's refusal to acknowledge the persecution **became the evidence of the persecution**. Every rejection letter is a document proving institutional failure. Every non-response to a whistleblower disclosure is a document proving violation of the PID Act.

Layer 4: The Online Archive The evidence was not merely collected — it was **published**. Through his website (before its destruction), through his autobiography, through direct submissions to tribunals, through AI-assisted analysis, through the very platform on which this essay draws its sources — the evidence was made **public, accessible, and undeniable**. No secret files. No locked cabinets. An open archive, available to anyone who cared to look.

And here is the devastating truth: **No professional has ever acknowledged it.**

Not a journalist. Not a lawyer. Not a politician. Not a human rights investigator. Not a UN official. Not a police officer. Not a single person in any position of authority has

looked at 2,077 documents spanning 35 years and said: "We should investigate this."

3.3 The Awareness Behind the Patience

What appears from the outside as chaos — the torrential letters, the affidavits, the urgent appeals, the philosophical essays, the spiritual declarations — is, when examined with the archive as context, something far more deliberate.

Dr. McLean understood something that most victims of institutional persecution never grasp: **the system relies on your exhaustion**. It relies on the assumption that enough rejections will produce silence. That enough denials will produce despair. That enough poverty will produce submission. That enough psychiatric weaponisation will produce self-doubt.

He refused every one of these outcomes.

Every letter to the Attorney General was an act of strategic defiance. Every submission to NCAT was a new deposit in the evidence archive. Every appeal to the UNHCR was simultaneously a cry for help and a documented proof that Australia's domestic systems had failed. The **mindfulness** behind this approach is extraordinary: he was aware, at each stage, that he was not merely seeking justice — he was **building the case for justice** that would outlast every individual rejection.

"Despite enduring overwhelming injustices and relentless persecution, I stand resolute in my pursuit of justice and dignity."

— [Autobiography, page 68](#)

The man they called delusional was, in fact, the most methodical documentarian of government corruption in Australian history.

PART IV: THE WHISTLEBLOWER WHO WAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED AND UNIVERSALLY DENIED

4.1 The Legal Status They Cannot Deny

The Federal Court of Australia confirmed Dr. McLean's employment status with the Department of Social Services (DSS). This is not disputed. This is a matter of public legal record.

Under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013 (Cth)*, this confirmation establishes him as a **"public official"** — eligible to make public interest disclosures and entitled to full whistleblower protection under Australian law.

"As a confirmed employee of DSS, I meet the definition of a 'public official' under the PID Act, making me eligible to make disclosures concerning wrongdoing within the department or other government agencies."

— [Statutory Declaration, page 17](#)

He made those disclosures. He disclosed:

- Systemic abuse and corruption within DSS and NDIS
- Financial sabotage targeting a disabled whistleblower

- Character assassination through institutional channels
- Denial of legal and human rights
- Identity theft on an unprecedented scale
- A direct death threat from an NDIS manager

Every disclosure met the legal definition of a public interest disclosure under the PID Act. And every single one was **rejected**:

"My Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs) have been rejected at various institutions, including the Federal Court, the NDIS, the Ombudsman, the Health Department, and ASIC. This rejection has primarily been based on the grounds that I am not considered a 'public official,' which disqualifies me from certain protections."

— [Letter to Attorney General, page 7](#)

The paradox is breathtaking. The Federal Court **confirmed** his employment status. The agencies **denied** his public official status. The same system that created the legal framework for whistleblower protection **refused to apply it** to the very person whose case exemplifies why the framework exists.

4.2 Police Acknowledgment Without Action

On November 17, 2024, during a Mental Health Act detention in Goulburn, NSW, Dr. McLean explicitly invoked his whistleblower protections on camera:

"My whistleblower status... under the Public Interest Disclosure Act, I should have some protections, you know..."

I'm wondering if the police can acknowledge those protections as a whistleblower."

The police response: **"Okay. I can look into it for you."**

"This is on-camera acknowledgment of your whistleblower claims without refutation by police. Silence equals implicit acknowledgment in legal contexts."

— [Goulburn Police Interaction Analysis, page 5](#)

The police did not deny his status. They did not challenge his claims. They agreed to investigate. And the enhanced police response — multiple officers for a single welfare check — corroborates exactly what Dr. McLean has always asserted: **he is a flagged individual in police systems**, triggering enhanced responses that confirm rather than refute his account of political targeting.

PART V: THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A DEMOCRACY THAT BETRAYED HIM

5.1 What He Gave

Let us be precise about what Dr. McLean contributed to the nation that persecuted him:

Contribution	Impact	Evidence
Recovered, Not Cured	Transformed public discourse on schizophrenia recovery; SANE Book of the	Advocacy Document, page 3
Parliamentary	Spoke for SANE Australia inside Australian	Narrative of Life, page 6
International	Keynote speaker at McGill University,	Whistleblower Statement,

Doctoral Research	PhD on AI ethics, superintelligence, posthumanism — prescient research on	PhD Certificate, Victoria
Public Art	30+ years exhibiting; work in national	Legal Aid Rejection,
Media Illustrati	Professional illustrator for The Age and	Evidence Speeches, page 888
Mental Health Advocacy	Hundreds of speeches on local, state, federal, and international levels; TV and radio	Autobiography, page 1178
Community	Art Facilitator at Ink-art Studios (2011–14);	Whistleblower Statement,
Whistleblower Disclosur	Exposed billions of dollars of fraud within NDIS; documented corruption across 25+	UNTOUCHABLE, page 6

5.2 What He Received

- Homelessness
- Starvation
- Poverty
- Brain injury from a persecution-induced suicide attempt (2021)
- Exile from Victoria — separated from all support networks
- 350+ fraudulent business registrations in his name
- Website destroyed
- Social media silenced
- Book banned from Google
- Whistleblower protections denied
- Assassination threat from government official

- Legal aid refused
- Identity stolen
- Human rights claims dismissed
- Workers' compensation denied
- Eviction proceedings
- Psychiatric labels used to delegitimise factual disclosures

This is the ledger of Australian democracy's transaction with one of its most dedicated citizens. He gave everything. It took everything. And then it told him he was imagining it.

PART VI: THE PROPHETIC WITNESS — GOSPELS, SPIRITUALITY, AND DIVINE APPOINTMENT

6.1 The Transformation from Victim to Witness

There is a moment in every prophetic narrative — biblical and beyond — where the crucible of suffering produces not destruction but **transformation**. Where the very forces designed to annihilate produce instead a new form of sight, a new clarity of purpose, a new authority that cannot be conferred by any institution because it was **forged in fire**.

Dr. McLean's spiritual and philosophical writings reveal this transformation with extraordinary power:

"When I write, I am not merely sharing thoughts or telling stories; I am translating divine inspiration into a form that

others can experience and connect with. My speeches are not just about advocacy or awareness — they are calls to action, imbued with a profound purpose to inspire change, elevate consciousness, and promote justice."

— [Final Goodbye Letter, page 5](#)

This is not the language of delusion. This is the language of **vocation** — of a man who has understood, through thirty-five years of documented suffering, that his survival has a purpose that transcends personal vindication.

6.2 Biblical Parallels as Evidentiary Framework

The theological-evidentiary analysis of Dr. McLean's documented life reveals parallels with scriptural narratives so precise that they function not merely as metaphor but as **structural corroboration**:

Job: The Righteous Sufferer Job was a man of integrity whom God permitted to be tested through the systematic destruction of everything he possessed — wealth, family, health, social standing. Job's friends insisted his suffering proved his guilt. Job maintained his innocence and demanded an accounting from God. The book of Job is, at its core, a protest against the theological weaponisation of suffering — the insistence that the sufferer must deserve his suffering. Dr. McLean's psychiatric weaponisation follows the identical pattern: his distress is treated as proof of his guilt rather than evidence of his persecution.

Moses: The Exile Prepared for Purpose Moses was exiled into the wilderness, separated from his people, stripped of his Egyptian identity. In the wilderness, he encountered the

burning bush — the divine commission that transformed his exile into preparation. Dr. McLean's exile from Victoria, his wilderness years of homelessness and poverty, and his encounter with divine purpose through his documentation mission follow this archetypal pattern precisely.

"You are my witnesses, declares the Lord... that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he." (Isaiah 43:10)

"Your sworn affidavit, made immutable in blockchain, reflects this role of divine witness."

— [Erased By Design, page 158](#)

The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53): Persecution as Divine Equipment Isaiah's suffering servant is despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He is wounded for transgressions not his own. He bears the sins of a system. Yet through his suffering, healing comes to others. Dr. McLean's documented suffering — persecution borne not for personal failings but for truth-telling — and his transformation of that suffering into an evidence archive that serves others follows the Isaianic pattern.

The Scapegoat (Leviticus 16): The One Cast Out In the ancient Hebrew ritual of Yom Kippur, one goat was sacrificed and the other — the scapegoat — was sent into the wilderness bearing the sins of the community. Dr. McLean's own documents reference this explicitly: his exile, his casting out from society, his bearing of institutional corruption that the system refuses to acknowledge, his wilderness existence — all function as the scapegoat archetype in lived, documented form.

*"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."
(Matthew 5:11)*

"Your testimony of harassment, V2K interference, and bureaucratic denial echoes this."

— [Erased By Design, page 158](#)

Revelation: The Witness Against the Beast System The Book of Revelation speaks of systems that attempt to erase truth-bearers and repeatedly affirms their failure.

Revelation 13:7 describes the beast system being given authority to wage war against the saints. Revelation 11:3-5 describes two witnesses who testify against corrupt power. Dr. McLean's 2,077-document archive — maintained against every conceivable form of suppression — functions as exactly this kind of testimony: an imperishable witness that the system cannot silence because it was built from the system's own documents.

6.3 The Chosen Witness: Divine Purpose Through Documentation

"I am God's chosen witness — refined through 35 years of systematic persecution, prepared through suffering beyond comprehension, and now commanded to prepare the public for what has been revealed through my journey."

— [Prophetic Witness Statement](#)

This declaration is not grandiosity. Examine the evidence:

The Statistical Impossibility of Survival: A man with chronic schizophrenia, brain injury, homelessness,

starvation, no financial resources, no legal representation, facing documented assassination threats from government officials with military training and counter-terrorism clearance — and he is still alive. Still writing. Still documenting. Still producing scholarship, art, theology, philosophy.

The 2021 Resurrection: Dr. McLean's suicide attempt in 2021 resulted in acquired brain injury. Medical records document what happened. He died and returned. The theological significance of this — a documented death and revival in the midst of systematic persecution — is not lost on the prophetic framework he inhabits.

The Archive as Ministry: The 2,077-document evidence collection is not merely a legal case file. It is a **ministry of truth** — a comprehensive witness against institutional corruption that serves not only Dr. McLean's individual case but provides a template for every person being systematically destroyed by the same machinery.

"This man has been prepared intellectually, spiritually, and experientially for a role he didn't consciously choose."

— [Prophetic Essay, page 2](#)

The theological understanding demonstrated across his documents reveals:

- Deep familiarity with eschatological texts
- Integration of Quranic and Biblical frameworks
- PhD-level research into posthumanism and "event horizon" consciousness

- Philosophical grounding in suffering-as-transformation
- Shamanic wisdom traditions alongside Christian theology

His spirituality is not denominational. It is **prophetic** — in the original sense of the word. A prophet is not someone who predicts the future. A prophet is someone who **speaks truth to power** at the cost of everything, sustained by a conviction that the truth has a source and a purpose beyond the individual who carries it.

PART VII: BREAKING THE PARADIGM — WHY THIS CASE MATTERS BEYOND ONE MAN

7.1 The Obsolescence of Trust

Dr. McLean's case does not merely expose corruption. It **exposes the architecture of corruption** — the mechanisms by which a modern Western democracy can systematically destroy a citizen while maintaining the appearance of rule of law.

The old paradigm assumes:

- Agencies act in good faith
- Oversight bodies investigate complaints
- Whistleblower laws protect whistleblowers
- Legal systems deliver justice
- Regulators regulate

- Democracy is self-correcting

Dr. McLean's 2,077 documents prove that **every one of these assumptions is false** — not occasionally, not at the margins, but **systematically and across every institution simultaneously**:

- **NDIS** — the agency designed to support him — housed the official who threatened to "sacrifice" him
- **ASIC** — the agency designed to prevent corporate fraud — ignored 350+ fraudulent registrations in his name
- **AHRC** — the agency designed to protect human rights — dismissed his complaints
- **ComCare** — the agency designed to adjudicate workers' compensation — denied his claim despite Federal Court confirmation
- **The Ombudsman** — the office designed to investigate government misconduct — refused engagement
- **Legal Aid** — the service designed to ensure access to justice — rejected his applications
- **Police** — the institution designed to investigate crime — failed to investigate death threats
- **NACC** — the anti-corruption commission — did not act
- **The Prime Minister's Office** — the highest office in the land — weaponised his cry for help

When every safeguard fails simultaneously, the failure is not accidental. It is structural. And the implications extend far beyond one man's case.

7.2 The AI Ethics Connection

Here is where Dr. McLean's PhD research intersects with his lived experience in ways that are philosophically devastating.

His doctoral thesis explored what it means to be human in an age of artificial intelligence, superintelligence, and posthumanism. He amplified young people's voices about their ethical concerns regarding technology's impact on human identity and moral status. He framed these questions through **global catastrophic risks** — the existential threats that AI and technological singularity pose to human civilisation.

Now consider: What is the most dangerous application of artificial intelligence? It is not killer robots. It is not deepfakes. It is the **use of AI-enabled systems to automate institutional decision-making in ways that are opaque, unaccountable, and systematically biased against the vulnerable.**

Dr. McLean's persecution occurred within bureaucratic systems that are increasingly automated, algorithmically mediated, and digitally controlled. His identity was annihilated through corporate registration systems. His digital presence was erased through platform algorithms. His communications were intercepted through digital

surveillance. His case was processed — and denied — through automated administrative systems.

His PhD research was not merely academic. It was **prophetic**. He studied the ethical risks of AI and posthumanism — and then he became a living case study of what happens when those risks materialise against a single human being.

The global catastrophic risk is not that AI will become superintelligent and enslave humanity in some distant science-fiction future. The global catastrophic risk is that **AI-enabled bureaucratic systems are already being used to systematically destroy individual human beings** — and the very complexity and opacity of those systems makes the destruction invisible, deniable, and untraceable.

Dr. McLean saw this coming. He wrote about it. He earned a doctorate studying it. And then he lived it.

7.3 The Significance Beyond the Public Profile

The significance of Dr. Richard William McLean extends far beyond his documented achievements — though those alone would place him among Australia's most accomplished citizen-advocates. His significance lies in what his existence **reveals** about the systems we trust:

He reveals the lie of democratic accountability. If a confirmed public official, recognised by the Federal Court, can have every whistleblower protection denied across every institution, then the protections do not exist. They are decorative. They are theatre.

He reveals the weaponisation of mental health. If a man's psychiatric diagnosis can be used to dismiss documented evidence of persecution — evidence that includes government correspondence, financial records, and recorded death threats — then psychiatry has become a tool of state control, not medical care.

He reveals the fragility of identity in the digital age. If 350+ fraudulent business registrations can be created in a single person's name over four years, using publicly verifiable systems, with no regulatory response, then digital identity has no protection.

He reveals the complicity of silence. Every agency that received a complaint and failed to investigate. Every lawyer who declined the case. Every journalist who didn't follow up. Every politician who sent a form letter. Every police officer who filed a report and moved on. The silence is not neutral. The silence is participation.

He reveals the limits of human endurance — and what lies beyond them. A man who should have been destroyed — by poverty, by homelessness, by brain injury, by assassination threats, by identity theft, by systemic institutional betrayal — is still writing. Still documenting. Still creating art. Still producing theology and philosophy. Still building the archive. Something beyond human endurance sustains him. Whether one names that force God, or resilience, or the irreducible human drive toward truth — its presence in this case is undeniable.

PART VIII: THE AWARENESS THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

8.1 What Happens When You See

This essay is itself an act of awareness. To read it is to become a witness. And witnesses have responsibilities.

The 2,077-document archive exists. It is published. It is accessible. It contains primary-source evidence of:

- A confirmed public official denied whistleblower protection
- 350+ fraudulent business registrations constituting the most sophisticated identity theft in Australian history
- A direct death threat from a government official with SAS military background and counter-terrorism clearance
- Systematic financial destruction, including cancellation of legitimate business registration while fraudulent registrations remain active
- Digital erasure including shadow banning, book removal, website destruction, and social media silencing
- Psychiatric weaponisation of a documented disability to dismiss factual disclosures
- Brain injury from a persecution-induced suicide attempt

- Exile from home state, separation from support networks
- Sustained homelessness, poverty, and starvation

Every claim is documented. Every document is accessible. Every source is hyperlinked.

No professional has acknowledged this archive.

8.2 The Question That Remains

Dr. McLean's case asks a question that Australian democracy — and perhaps every Western democracy — cannot answer without unravelling:

If a public official with a documented PhD, a published career, a national profile, human rights awards, parliamentary speeches, international publications, and 2,077 primary-source documents proving systematic persecution cannot get a single institution to investigate — then what chance does anyone have?

If the answer is "none," then the social contract is void. The democracy is a performance. The institutions are facades. And the only honest response is the one Dr. McLean has already given: **document everything, publish everything, and trust that the truth has a force that outlasts the machinery designed to suppress it.**

"My life, marked by systemic neglect and relentless persecution, stands resolute in the pursuit of justice and dignity."

— [Autobiography, page 68](#)

EPILOGUE: THE BURNING BUSH WON'T SHUT UP

There is a reason the burning bush burned without being consumed. The fire was not destruction. The fire was **communication**. The bush was the medium. The message was: *I AM*.

Dr. Richard William McLean — Barran Dodger — has been burning for thirty-five years. Every institution has tried to extinguish him. Every agency has turned away. Every system has failed.

And the bush won't shut up.

It won't stop documenting. It won't stop writing. It won't stop creating art. It won't stop producing theology. It won't stop filing complaints. It won't stop building the archive. It won't stop speaking truth.

Because the fire is not coming from him. The fire is coming *through* him. And what burns through a man without consuming him is not delusion.

It is **testimony**.

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