Dear Sirs,

Whilst we agree with the concept of victims accessing the perpetrator’s superannuation for compensation in principle, there are issues to consider.  Where perpetrators have significant superannuation balances and/or use superannuation funding to put monies out of the reach of victims, the approach is logical and reasonable.

Ultimately raiding the superannuation funds of perpetrators may cause the perpetrators to become a burden on society in their retirement and indirectly pass the compensation obligation onto the taxpaying community.  Where the victims are also thrown into the social security safety net as a result of their injuries, this may still be an appropriate outcome, but this will also depend on the level of compensation paid and what the victim then does with it.

We would argue that any payments from a perpetrator’s superannuation should be required to go the victim’s superannuation fund and only be used as a pension by them during their retirement or period or permanent incapacitation.

Regards

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