

**Senate Inquiry into  
“Commonwealth contribution to former forced  
adoption policies and practices.”**

**I Geoffrey (...) GONG  
am a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia resident in  
New South Wales**

**As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia I have an inalienable right to protection  
under the Australian Constitution and the Common Law of this country**

**As an Australian citizen, the Commonwealth affords me protection from the unlawful and  
harmful actions that threaten my right to life, liberty and justice from those who would  
deny me these rights, within and without, the borders of Australia .**

**Submission**

Friday, December 03, 2010

of Adoptee  
Geoffrey (...) GONG

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I was Born as (...) August 1958  
my Mother is (...)

I was relinquished for Adoption in 1958 and adopted by an  
older couple in Orange NSW my first stepmother died not long after ,  
I was 2 Years old ... I was then cared for by Her sister  
Until I reached School age.

My Stepfather remarried during this time and I only remember  
me just before I was about to start School and live with  
His new wife and Family

It was extremely traumatic for me to have to leave my Aunt  
and go and live with `strangers` .

It was clear from the outset that his SECOND Wife and Her daughter  
were not keen on the idea of another family member just turning up  
I can relate numerous other events that caused me great psychological distress.

I wasn't told that I'd been adopted until I was thirteen, by my second stepmother  
In a fit of rage, She just blurted it out on front of the Family.  
She later told me, when no one else could hear, that my (birth) Mother had died.

This wasn't true as in 2008 I located and met my Mother .  
and were now having a wonderful time catching up on all those years .

I hope my submission points out the fact that not ALL Adoptions came  
to benefit Children that in the eye's of the adoption agencies and  
so called 'experts' , who believed we would be better off in other Homes .

in the case of 'Legal' adoptions , I think every adopted child's wellbeing should be  
followed up on a regular basis ,and that the child should be advised by the appropriate  
Welfare agency, on reaching the age of 21, that they are, in fact adopted  
In case they are never told by the adoptive family .and offered assistance  
to Identify and locate their Real Family if it's possible.

I'd also like a review of an Adopted Childs LEGAL rights  
as I was not only ostracized by my Stepfathers 2<sup>nd</sup> wife but  
DISINHERITED as well,none of my first stepmothers estate  
was considered to be mine,  
also with regard to Birth Families ,most who did not willingly relinquish the Child  
that Child now has no Legal rights or claim to anything ,sentimental or otherwise  
even If it is their real families wish to do so .

Although this is not directly concerning the Senate Enquiry I'd like my story  
To be on record

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