

My Name Is Susan Maree Treweek, The senate committee members may remember me and my history which was shared during the 2004 inquiry.

For the first time children displaced into the adult mental health systems of Australia was heard well we thought we were heard.

Since the 2004 inquiry advocate groups and especially the FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIAN ALIANCE have turned their backs on us fare enough many of us were sent to these hell holes by the church and state children's institutions many died in these institutions yet no one even cares about this fact. We are still the dirty rags nobody wanted.

As far as the recommendations go **WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS**, They are only words which have no substance, fare enough the Alliance was formed and apparently funded by the federal Government who know we as forgotten Australians are not privileged with and information pertaining us or what the Alliance does supposedly on our behalf, we can not even access the Members only part of The Forgotten Australian web sight, it is for the committee only.

I was directly involved in the forming of AFA and sat at many Meetings / workshops.

Finally I would like to voice my utter disappointment and disgust at how the recommendations from the senate inquiry has been ignored by the federal Government, what hasn't been ignored has been the privilege of a select few, I am so tired of being treated as a mindless burden to our advocate groups and the senate as my correspondence and concerns have been ignored on more than one occasion.

The 2004 inquiry I believe was started and completed with justice and compassion to those of us who had suffered, unfortunately it stopped their and the recommendations are not worth the paper they are written on, partly due to Government inaction and partly due to the Forming of the Forgotten Australian committee.

The committee and all information is closed to us The Forgotten Australians so how can we submit to this inquiry into the recommendations.

What has been created is a small group who have all the power not that different from when we were children suffering the horrors of institutional life.

We are fed scraps of information from the table (AFA) nothing with substance just enough to shut us up again.

Where is the empowerment and inclusion, there is none.

In times to come this will all be brought to light and Australia will yet again feel shamed for what has been done since the 2004 inquiry not just by gov/church this time but by our own who had been trusted by us and our advocate groups who refuse to share information or even include us.

This has been another lesson in betrayal and dehumanizing our people the Forgotten Australian.

Thank you for this opportunity, I will be watching carefully sooner or later the world will know Australia's shame.

We Are Not Mushrooms to be kept in the dark and fed rotting rubbish.

Now is the time for the senate and the federal government to do what is right please don't ignore our please for inclusion and true closure.

Yours sincerely Susan Maree Treweek.