

Re Senate Inquiry into
“ Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices “

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Dear Committee

I would dearly like to be able to present a full submission to the above inquiry but ,unfortunately , due to the emotional turmoil of addressing the most painful and traumatic event in my life , I am unable to do so.

As an adopted person, I believe that I may have been the victim of “forced adoption practices” at the time of my birth at the Corinda Private Hospital Brisbane on November 5th 1976.

I would like to ask whether the committee can determine that the consent to my adoption was given freely by my mother and with information of my legal rights to be cared for by her , as my sole legal guardian. In that

- . She was or /was not allowed to see me after my birth
- . She was or /was not given information in regard to foster care until she was in a position to care for me
- . Was she offered information on financial benefits that would have enabled her to keep me?
- . Was she informed of any life long future regret if she surrendered me for adoption?
- . Was she informed of the life long mental health and identity problems of adopted children known since at least 1942?

Finally I would like to say that :

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia , resident in the State of Queensland I had 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 threatened my right to life, liberty and justice from those who would deny me these rights, within and without the boarders of Australia.

And as an Australian citizen my rights to be brought up with my own natural family were breached with little or undue consideration for my future welfare

Please accept this as my submission

Yours Faithfully

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