

28/02/2011

(...)

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

Department of the senate  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee,

I would like to present my submission to the above Inquiry but due to the emotional turmoil of reliving the most painful and traumatic event in my life I am unable to do so.

I gave birth to my son on the (...)01/1971 at the Crown Street Womens Hospital in Sydney.

I was allowed to see my child after birth but then the nurse came in and took my son because he was to be put up for adoption. The nurse told me if I was to change my mind I had 34 days to do so but when I rang the hospital on the 28<sup>th</sup> day I was told that my son had gone. A few years ago I had put an application in for his medical records and they showed that my son was not adopted till he was 11 months old. So I am writing this letter to get help and advice having been through all the grief and trauma of the system unjustifiably misled me and forcefully took my child for adoption against my wish.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Mary Anne Dunn

**Your name and address**

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I would like to state that the consent to the adoption of my child was given without information of my legal rights

I gave birth to my child at (name and location of hospital) on the (date of birth) (...) 1-1971  
CROWN Street Womens Hospital Sydney

- I was /not allowed to see my child after birth
- I was/ not given information in regard to foster care for my child
- ⊙ I was/ not informed of any life long future regret if I surrendered my child for adoption
- ⊙ I was not given information on financial assistance that would enable me to keep my child

Finally I would like to say that:

As citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia resident in ... State *NSW*

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 threaten my right to life, liberty and justice from those who would deny me these rights, within and without, the borders of Australia

Please accept this as my submission

Yours Sincerely *M Dunn*

**Your name and address here**  
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Dear Committee

I would dearly like to be able to present a full submission to the above Inquiry but 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 (name and location of hospital) on the (date of birth)

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:

- Was or /not allowed to see me after birth
- She was or/ 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 enable her to keep me? No
- Was she informed of any life long future regret if she surrendered me for adoption? No
- Was she informed of the life long mental health and identity problems of adopted children known since at the every least 1942? No

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

Please accept this as my submission

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