

Forced adoptions inquiry

Points to consider for the final report.

Apology or not-

I guess an apology means an acknowledgement of guilt. So far the apparent apologies by various organisations seem to be watering down of guilt.

I want them to say,

what they did wrong,

what were the laws at the time,

why they did not obey the laws,

why they chose to take matters into their own hands,

why they were so cowardly that they had to follow a minority of nasty, racist, discriminatory, cruel, mean spirited people,

Can the nazi's blame the mores of the time for their crimes

can the American slave industry blame the social mores, or the necessity for economic reasons.

Adoption is up there with slavery, apartheid, holocaust, it is a major evil.

Are we ready as a society to accept this yet. When history finally acknowledges adoption a monstrosity, and our grand children will learn about it in school, and they will want to know why this senate inquiry didn't have the courage to act, and then they will find out that it is their own grandparents who had the opportunity and turned a blind eye.

But some adoptions have positive outcomes

is this evidence based research, those people who say they are happy with their choice, have they been cross examined in court, have they been able to prove that it was a good decision, I would like this committee to prove just one case. Otherwise we need to throw this in the trash.

[Mother child separation is a tragedy](#)

Glossary of terms

A glossary of terms needs to accompany this report.

What is an adoption

what is a forced adoption

what is best interest of the child

when is best interest of the mother

what does the word mother mean

use of the term mother

what is the difference between mother and carer, and primary carer, guardian etc

Truth

as adoption is a war on motherhood, and in all wars TRUTH is the first casualty.

It is about time the truth was told. Stop using pathetic terms like "mores of the times" only guilt people use that excuse.

I will give you a little story

My aunt worked for some hospital, in the wards, she tells me the story of caring for this young woman, due to give birth, she was horrified at the way the doctor spoke to the young woman –this was 1950s. She complained to the matron, and the matron responded that the baby was up for adoptions so it was

ok.

Many of my family and acquaintances have no idea of these “mores of the times” they believe that the hospitals and social workers would act in my best interest and cared well for me , so I must be telling lies if I say I was forced. It appears the only ones using the mores of the times are those involved and the guilty.

This committee should take a good hard look at itself to see if it is guilty of being guilty and trying to justify this disgusting crime.

Family pressure- my family went to a social worker to get the best advice to help me.

Yes there was family pressure, but not all families and it was the duty of the social worker to protect the mothers from family pressure not to assist them.

The term social mores of the times is not an old excuse , I still hear it today, people in positions of power react hostile to young mothers for a variety of reasons still pushing their views

Social work industry

since adoption is the most tragic decision a young woman could ever make, it needs expert advice and support to make the right decision(if we must still have this evil).evidence brought forward at this inquiry has shown time and time again , the lack of professionalism amongst social workers, it has evolved from church charity work, any one can call themselves social workers. The social workers are NOT recognized as a professional body and rightly so, they have committed enormous atrocities on the most vulnerable in their care.

When did social workers start to speak out about the treatment of mothers, how many pushed for an inquiry,

So the social work industry is incapable of being involved in any further adoptions and especially not at counseling those damaged by their practices.

The social work industry is unregulated and has a terrible history. Were any of the Nazis paid to counsel the holocaust victims. If this inquiry puts forward any recommendations that put money into the hands of any of the perpetrators or organization they belonged to, I would say that the trust is over, and this anger and rage that is welling up inside mothers and their stolen children will explode

Mental health clinics

it had been suggested to use the existing mental health clinics to role out program and support, this too is a ludicrous solution

legal issues

if what the mothers say is true that they were treated this way, which is becoming more likely, as evidence mounts.

And yet our Attorneys general, doesn't seem to have a clear answer that this behavior is illegal , then we have a **serious problem with our legal system.** This needs to be exposed. People need to know that all these atrocities will go unpunished, people need to know it is not safe to go to a hospital alone , that you have no rights and the mores of the times will prevail, who will be discriminated against next time, maybe Muslims -there is lot of hostility to them, maybe if we pinch their babies we can disempower them as well. What about tall people, people are getting too tall now it will affect our building codes, maybe it would be easier to eliminate them as well.

All statutes of limitation need to be removed so court actions can take place.

Religion

religion has played a big part in this issue. Quotes from the holy scriptures of many of the world's major religions have been used and abused to justify this crime. People have taken it upon themselves to interpret God's words, and most incorrectly. Religion is about following good and virtuous life, all religions promote decent good virtuous living, so how did religion get so tangled up in this mess.

And yet the solution is religion. What is missing here is good decent values, love, kindness, tolerance, respect for differences, forgiveness, justice, truth

So many people have turned away from religion because of the damage that has been done in its name. People now more than ever desperately need spiritual guidance. Is there any religion out there that can help guide people back onto the good path.

Justice

what is justice

im no expert but I would say there are many types of justice

truth,

acknowledgement of guilt

apology

promise to never do it again

redress- return children to their mothers, including opening all records, returned correct birth certs, allowing stolen children to use real birth certs

assistance to gain some semblance of normal life

compensation- it has not been said much, but, it should be offered by the fed govt to its citizens who were damaged under its care,

what is an acceptable amount of compensation, just look at similar issues where peoples lives have been destroyed, holocaust, asbestos, etc

victims should not be asking for compensation, it should be offered,

there are many forms of compensation, including a life pension, tax exemption, lump sum, and provision of services.

Punishment- all crimes require punishment, otherwise there is no incentive not to do it again.

There is no justice without punishment, but punishment of the perpetrator should not be linked to the healing of those damaged

spiritual justice- those so badly damaged need to FEEL justice is being done, it needs to heal the spirit, not many crimes damage the spirit but this one does it cuts very deep, our spirit goes on in the after life,

Mores of the times

what does this mean- I think it means that it was common knowledge amongst the ordinary person on the street. So you are saying that it was common knowledge to my parents that I should have my child removed as punishment for getting pregnant, I deserve the treatment I got in hospital, that I would be lied to and told I had 30 days revocation when in fact there was no revocation. Are you saying that the doctor that looked after me during confinement and again during hospital stay knew the social mores and condoned me being lied to, sexually abused by a doctor, brutal treatment by the nursing staff and brain washing by the social workers, are you saying the AMA is aware that the doctors did not look after their patients.

Are you saying that the hospital admin knew I was to be singled out for bad treatment and denied my rights.

Are you saying the matron of the hospital knew I was to be treated so badly.

Are you saying that the mother's knew what sort of treatment they were going to get, that they decided

to go to a social workers willing so they could be brainwashed and lied to.

When you say morays of the time ,

which time do you mean, and if they are no longer current when did they stop being current, did they stop all over australia at the same time, was it different in big cities as opposed to country towns.

When did these moray officially stop.

What are the current morays we need to know about.

Please spell out our current morays

should a child have the right to live with their mother

what constitutes a suitable mother.

Adoptors

were the adoptors aware of the social mores of the times, did they know our babies were being forcibly removed from us.

If so, why did they lie to our children and say we did not want they, that we abandoned them .

Adoptors need the full force of justice upon their shoulders.

What I demand

since every adoption to be legal needs to follow the due process of law, NOW every adoption needs to be revisited and checked,

a court case for every adoption involving every person including family.

Adoptors needs to be face to face with the mothers and child in court and be forced to hear the truth.

Originally I suggested truth trials like in south Africa, but now see, our country is too immature to do this and needs a big stick.

Unfortunately how can we have legal redress when the courts themselves colluded to the removal of our babies. What a pickle.

No money is to be given to any social worker or any organisation that played even a small part in this.

HEALING

healing is an individual thing. Though those experiencing the same sort of trauma tend to follow similar paths of healing, and on e of the greatest is supporting each other.

There are so many aspects to healin g in this issue

mothers in different decades have different issues

mothers of different family support networks ie some had supportive parents some didn't, have different needs

reunions at various stages finding the child, seeing the damage done, be rejected by the child,

struggling with tenuous relationships, effects on subsequent children, and there place in the scheme of things

child

identity issues. Truth issues, apparent abandonment issues, bad parenting by APs, reunions, rejection by mother. Rejection by family. Rejection by siblings

bonding issues with their own children, attachment issues, relationship issues, medical history issues.

Grandparents

guilt, loss, anger of daughter , shame.

Professionals

it has now been acknowledged that the social workers suffered trauma from their involvement,
guilt,
professional integrity

media

guilt over portrayal of adoption as a wonderful panacea, denial of truth for those affected.

Family of origin

guilt of ostracise's of mothers, helplessness.

Society

guilt over turning a blind eye

THE LONG RIDE

I have discovered in recent times that long horse rides build strong bonds. Over the last 12 months following the inquiry and its affect on people I felt there was something missing, there was a blockage, an inability to move forward, a fear a guilt , a something.

One day the light bulb turned on in my head,
my daughter and I have decided to go on a long walk, the bicentennial national trail, Cooktown to Melbourne. Since telling friends about this I suddenly felt the shift that was needed to move this issue. I am receiving a ground swell of grassroots support, and since I believe that this is where the issue will be moved , it is the place to start.

The walk will be used to promote the issue of mother child bond, I am over all the negativity of this issue and needed something positive to move forward.

I am currently setting up and NGO to support mother child bonding, initially to help rebuild shattered and damaged bond s a and then to maintain those and prevent further damage, then to promote the importance of protecting motherhood,

this NGO is planning to get tax deduction status, I am hoping the walk will help promote the issue and people will be able to donate , to support the programs run by the ngo.

People are now offering to join us on parts of the walk, some just morning tea others a few hundred ks. My publicist is now preparing to send press releases to all local newspapers where the walk travels through.

I hope to run some sort of work shop or info at each town.

The walk will take about 10 months, I think I need this amount of time to get the grass roots swell up awareness and support.

We plan starting in Cooktown between April and July.

You are welcome to join me as I travel through Canberra.