

## LETS PRETEND IT DIDNT HAPPEN

I have just spoken to one of the workers from Redress WA and she informs me that because I was adopted out that I do not qualify for redress WA. This is absolutely absurd and disgusting, how can you possibly blatantly exclude a group of people because they were adopted out without looking at the facts first. She also told me that it may not have been my mother that gave that evidence about the Alexandra Home.

I strongly disagree, it doesn't matter who gave this evidence at the senate committee hearing on oath and in camera, it must be believed, as there is very little records kept of anything at that home, you don't even have records of me being in that home. If my mother was coerced or lied to or any way pressure was placed on her, to adopt me out, well that is child abuse of the tallest order. You can't set up a redress scheme and then say you have to prove every little detail because you know as well as me, it is impossible to prove especially as I was a toddler at the time. I was adopted out and I had an unbelievable unhappy childhood, that then filtered into my adult life and I ask you what is Redress WA. Is it a sham where you don't expect evidence of the day, is it a Clayton's scheme or a sham. Why even bother to have a senate enquiry, why print the forgotten Australian senate report and why then set up a redress scheme, if it doesn't expect the evidence that forced the government into damage control and head of a class action in the first place, it doesn't make sense? My life has and is absolutely shattered from decisions that were made by people and government departments of the day. I would imagine that the forced adoption of a toddler would be the absolute worst case scenario in child abuse and I stand here and accuse the WA government in complicity in this on a mass scale. We were adopted out after these decisions were forced onto our mothers and there is clear evidence of forced adoptions. If you had a young toddler and you abandoned it today, the first thing that would happen would be, child protection would take charge of the case, more than likely charges would be laid and there would be an absolute public outcry. And if anyone stood over you and forced you or coerced you into abandoning your child, aided and abetted, well I would think that they would face serious charges too. Perhaps it is because I am the wrong colour, we expect that there is the stolen generation (indigenous) as Kevin Rudd has apologised for, but are you going to refuse to believe that there is a stolen white

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generation? Isnt that what the stolen generation is about, they had their babies taken off them, sometimes with force and they were handed to other white families. Weren't we white children born to single mothers, taken from them and handed out to other families and that's not child abuse? I was born and nurtured by my mother and then you took me off her and handed me to strangers after I had bonded with her for nearly two years, are you going to refuse my claim because you are scared that it may open a can of worms? Are either of my parents indigenous? perhaps, that's your little secret! It appears that you haven't learnt anything from past mistakes or you would at least apologise for what happened to us and except the sworn evidence of the day, and except our claims, or are you going to pretend it just didn't happen. These attitudes and forces were being executed before the adoptions actually took place not after and you have to except them whether you like it or not. Forgotten Australians have been silent for too long and you must show us the dignity and respect that we deserve and demand. If my case is rejected I request a full explanation of why it was rejected and also a full and proper search of all the issues that I have raised. I request that all my questions be answered. I won't hold my breath as you couldn't even arrange to pay for my birth certificate when I requested it. Thanks for nothing.