

To Whom IT MAY CONCERN

MY NAME IS STEPHEN RAY SHINGLES I'M 48 YRS  
BORN IN MAFFRA VICTORIA ON 22.7.55

AT THE AGE OF 5 MY BROTHER & MYSELF WERE  
PUT IN A HOME CALLED ORANA IN BURWOOD FOR  
A FEW YEARS, LATER ON ABOUT 12 YRS OLD WAS MADE  
WARD OF THE STATE TILL 18 I GREW UP BALTARA  
THEN TURANA THEN WHERE I FINISHED OUT MY  
HOME DAYS WAS "TALLY HO ONE FANTASTIC HOME  
BUT I DIDNT SEE MY REST OF FAMILY FOR YEARS

AT 17½ I WAS PUT IN PENTRIGE JAIL  
FOR WHAT THE JUDGE SAID WAS TO BE A LITTLE  
STINT BUT LASTED 12 MTHS AT THE TIME THERE  
WAS A HIGH COURT STRIKE UNLUCKY FOR SOME,  
I SERVED ABOUT 10 TO 15 YEARS BEFORE I WAS 21  
BUT I'VE BEEN MARRIED SINCE I WAS 21 AND  
STILL LOVE MY WIFE VERY MUCH I HAVE 4 KIDS  
22, 20, 10, 8, OUR ELDEST BOY IS JOINING THE  
VICTORIA POLICE FORCE

NOW HOW THINGS CAN CHANGE MY KIDS  
HAVE NEVER BEEN IN TROUBLE MY REASON IS  
WE HAVE STAYED TOGETHER AS A FAMILY THICK &  
THIN. MY MOTHER LEFT MY FATHER WHEN I WAS 2  
BUT LEFT ME WITH DAD BACK IN THE 50'S IT WAS  
DISICULT FOR A SINGLE FATHER TO RAISE KIDS AND  
THE GOVERNMENT STEPPED IN PRICKS I HAD NO  
CHILD LIFE WE ARE NO DISSERANT  
TO THE SO CALLED ABORIGINES STOLEN.

STEVE SHINGLES