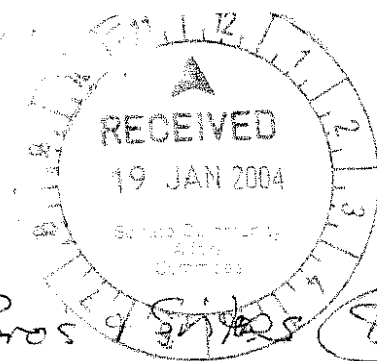


Rachel Anne Smith
Born May 22nd. 1950



Taken from Home 1956 with all Bros & Sisters
Made ward of State - spent next 12 yrs. in
Childrens homes & in "foster case" - "Foster Case"
was actually being "farmed" out as Temporary
worker -

Allmost every home was "Christian"
allmost every home I was sexually abused &
often Bashed or underwent severe & horrendous
punishments - ie whacked across knuckles with
Bashed wire or locked in Dark cramped
places - belittled & made to feel worthless & so

— I ran away from every one of them -
my reasons for running were never listened too -
~~at age 11~~ at age 11 - I even appealed for help
from the Newspapers - was printed but not along
lines of complaint - My earlier years were in
the Homes & Orphanages of Victoria & my times
in NSW institutions was mostly whilst "on the
Run" from Victoria - The two main horrors of my
life were Winton Girls Training Centre^{VIC} &

Parramatta Girls Training Centre in NSW - Both
places were shocking in how I was treated -
In Winton - after being returned from
absconding I was locked in the Cells wearing
Only a singlet & was ignored that I needed to go
to the toilet - I had to do my business in the
corner on the floor - when the staff saw this
I was verbally abused & they stuck the hose in
thru the outside window & wet me & the Cell
I had to sit on wet concrete ^{all night} I was Angry &
made a lot of noise calling out & banging

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in my upper inner thigh!

on the door to which I was told if I didn't shut up they would send in the Police psychiatrist

a Dr. John Birrell - about daylight the cell door crashed open & 3 men rushed in on me & I was thrown on my back on the floor & pinned down with a knee across my throat & my legs were reeked apart & I was given a Paraldehyde injection & then carted off to Larundel psychiatric Centre - it took 3 days for the Drug to wear off & I had been sexually abused

I WAS 11 YEARS OLD!

I escaped Larundel & when caught was sent to Mond Park Mental Institution - I escaped from there too!

It was during one of the times I was 'on the run' that the police sent me to Parramatta Girls Home & whilst there I was kept locked in Segregation & made to paint the rooms. (Locked in with no air flow - I got sick -)

I was locked in the Isolation Cells for laughing in the Dining room - was locked in what was the Dungeons because my sports knickers hung below the uniform - The punishments I received were brutal & most for the flimsiest of reasons - I was also sexually abused while locked in the "Dungeon" & when I complained to staff was sent back to Isolation! I consider that how I was treated in these "Homes" to have been an abomination to which I have NEVER recovered - & what with all the rest - I have one thing to say after I read my Welfare file - that is - Being a Ward of the State was a Cruel Joke And that my 'guardians'

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ought be charged with Gross Neglect of their duties
for I was Never protected & in fact was placed in danger.
I am pleased to hear an inquiry is going on -
for I have allways said -

I shall die content to
know these things have been exposed - & that
I am willing to speak out - That time has come -
what was done to me in the homes & Institutions
of Victoria & NSW was like something out of
the Dark Ages - & Allways - I was under threat
of Both Police & Institutions NOT to speak out.
My Police file on its own is 90% fake for most
of the time they wrote anything - accused me of
much - it was like they wrote down anything just
to lock me up again -

I was outspoken & did not
take my punishments lightly & was treated worse
because of it -

for 30 yrs. I have not lived in
Victoria because of Police threats to never return
to my Home State & NSW Police if I ever spoke up
said I would "disappear"

I fled to Cape York &
only the desire to be with family brought me back
here to NSW & I have lived in fear for all that
time -

I am still very much afraid & all those years
of abuse have affected me greatly - I still suffer
& my family have suffered as well - So much so
that I can never be a part of Normal Society - I
am afraid of Doctors & needles - afraid of welfare
& terrified of being locked up again - Thank you
for this enquiry - it's about time the truth came
all out - it is a great relief to know someone

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believes us for what we went thru & I Sincerely hope in the future - no child is placed in a "good home" simply because the people are "Christians" -

For as far as I'm concerned nearly all those "Christians" were pedophiles Rapi'sts & Brutal people - men & women alike. I state also that not once did I ever feel I was with Caring people - had I been - I would have had no reason to escape - I was not sent to people "for my own good" - I was sent to those who needed a Slave & Slave I was - for all those years -

This is my complaint & I swear by God above that what I say is Only a part of the truth -

I apologize that I do not present my story in a reader aspect - I do not have modern facilities -

but by my own hand I write my truth -

In All Sincerity Rachael Smith -

January 2004