



## **SUBMISSION**

Documentation from the Department of the Community Development in Western Australia. state that Child Endowment was deliberately withheld from my Mother.

This decision was made by the then Protector of Aborigines in Western Australia A.O.Neville and directed through the Police Sergeant of the local Police Station at that time.

Reasons stated for withholding this money was that my Mother was not a responsible person and would be punished by spending the Child Endowment on products other than what it was intended for, to buy shoes and clothing for the children.

Only when a letter, signed by my mother was sent via the local Police Sergeant to the Protector stating "Isn't it time you paid my child endowment back" that the Endowment was re-instated.

Dates show that this Child Endowment was not paid for some 18 months at least.

This money was withheld during a period when my Father was not permitted to work and the money was presumably spent on food rather than clothing for the children. The Child Endowment was for 3 or 4 children at the time.

The period when this occurred would have been during the late 30s early 40s.

Eileen Maude Walsh  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Walsh".