

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, **Juliette Margaret Clough (nee Doyle)** of \_\_\_\_\_ am a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia, resident in the State of New South Wales. As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia I have an inalienable right to protection under the Australian Constitution and the Common Law of this country.

As an Australian citizen the Commonwealth affords me protection from the unlawful and harmful actions that threaten my right to life, liberty and justice from those who would deny me these rights within and without, the borders of Australia.

I believe my rights as an Australian citizen under the Commonwealth have been violated due to the following:-

During the year of 1967 whilst living with my family at Cronulla, NSW my mother and brother (...) past away and due to these circumstances I was sent to live with my aunt and uncle at Belmont, NSW. I had just turned fourteen at the time and after a period of two months my aunt and uncle decided I was no longer welcome in their home. I therefore sought help from a local Catholic Priest who arranged for me to be sent to live at a house in Belmont with a husband and wife who took in boarders. During my time with them I attended school and contributed also the household expenses by carrying out housework for the family. Everything was fine for about a year until one of the boarders proceeded to rape me. This rape continued on for about a year, up to the time I became pregnant.

At that time I was taken to the \_\_\_\_\_ (...)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (...) Whilst there I continued my schooling and did manual work for the Nuns, up until the time of the birth of my baby son. After the birth I was prevented from seeing, holding or touching my baby and approximately one week later I was forced to sign the Adoption Papers.

I eventually married and gave birth to other children however due to the forcible separation of my adopted son I found myself unable to maternally bond fully with my children or cope with everyday life and relationships. Consequently I suffered from deep depression which led me to be hospitalised for a time at James Fletcher Mental Facility in Newcastle. After my release I still continued to find it very hard to relate to my children and be the mother I wanted to and should have been.

My son will be 42 years of age in January 2011. I have been totally deprived of a relationship with him, never having been able to celebrate birthdays or important holidays with him. I constantly think and imagine what his life would be like; whether he married and whether I have any grandchildren.

My life has been shattered by the decision of the Government of that day to forcibly take my son from me and deprive me not only of my rights to a normal, healthy mother/son relationship but also to a happy and fulfilling marriage and family.

Yours sincerely

**Juliette Margaret Clough**

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