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Australia.

Mrs Laurie Watkins

Dear Senators,

Commonwealth of Australia Inquiry into Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices.

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia I had and still do have an inalienable right to protection under the Australian Constitution, rule of law and the Common Law of this nation.

As an Australian citizen, the Commonwealth should have afforded us all protection from the unlawful and harmful actions that threatened our right to life, liberty and justice from those who denied us all these rights, within and without, the borders of Australia.

We must live by the Australian Constitution, Rule of Law, and the Common Law of this country and Commonwealth politicians are elected to uphold Commonwealth Law meaning they will prevail over federal legislation, and by operation of section 109 of the Constitution, will override inconsistent state laws (whether past or future.)

I am a adoptee who would like to register my interest in this Committee's inquiry and acknowledge that it is an important step in addressing the issues of forced adoptions in the 1950's to the 1970's.

As a direct consequence of the inhumane treatment I have received, I have suffered and continue to suffer from the consequences of not having my adoptive details registered with Birth, Death and Marriages, Hobart, Tasmania at the time of my adoption.

I believe the evidence into the Commonwealth Government's involvement in forced adoptions will change not only your understanding of this dark period of this country's history but will increase your determination for the truth to be recorded so that the past is never repeated.

Please accept my letter and signature as a submission by registering my name as a participant in this Inquiry.

I thank you for this opportunity as an adoptee, as we eagerly await our great Nation to hear and see the truth unfold. I would appreciate you adding my name and address to your mailing list that I can receive future correspondence and documents on the progress of this Inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

- I would like this submission to be published on the internet.