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Dear Committee,

I would dearly like to be able to present a submission to this committee , however because of the trauma involved in revisiting this time of my life I feel unable to do so. I would like to state that consent to my adoption was given without information of my legal rights.

I gave birth to my child on the 29TH OF September 1974 at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney.

I was not allowed to see my child after birth

I was not given information in regard to foster care I was not informed of any lifelong regret I may have upon surrendering my child for adoption

Finally I should like to say; As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia resident( at the time) in Sydney N.S.W I had an inalienable right to protection under the Australian Constitution and the common law of this country. AS an Ausrtalian citizen the Commonwealth affords me protection from the unlawful and harmful acts that threaten my life, liberty or justice from those who would deny me these rights both within and without this country. Please accept this as my submission; upon mature reflection it seems no co incidence that I left Australia in 1975 and have never returned; therefore I lost not only my child but my family, friends and whole sense of belonging to a community. Yours sincerely Janette Mills