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Dept of the Senate.

Re: - Inquiry into forced
Adoptions.

I am a mother of 2
children forced to give up for
adoption. I was 15 when I
fell with my daughter, in 1960,
My Boyfriend decided, he
didn't want to marry me, when
I turned 16.

I was sent to a home
at Artamon ~~the~~, which was
awful, we were treated badly.

I had my daughter in Oct
1960, after a forceps delivery, in
which unmarried Mums, were
treated disgustingly, from there
we were sent to a Nursing Home

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in Darlington (My daughter
was Born in (...))

We were heavily drugged.

Afterwards The Child Welfare
& Almoner at the Hospital abused
and Bullied us into signing
the Paper work.

All Mothers suffer the
loss of losing a child to
Adoption.

My Son Born Sept 1962.
was born after ~~being~~ my being
raped by a Friend's Father.

I desperately wanted to
keep my son; My Family &
Almoner and child welfare also
Bullied, abused & threats until
I was forced to sign papers.

For myself, I have always
felt lost & cheated of my having
my children adopted out.

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I later went onto Mary
& have 3 children & adopted
my sisters son, so she would
not lose her son.

Unfortunately my sister
was not allowed to tell her
Boyfriend and its only in last
2 yrs our sons real Dad has
found out he is our adopted
sons Dad.

And its a great time
for them & us.

My son found me in
2004 He is a well adjusted
Man Married has a lovely
wife and 2 Beautiful girls.
His adoptive Dad is still alive,
A lovely man, his adoptive
Mum died before he found me
from kidney disease.

I have been able to trace

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My Daughters Adoptive Mom,
she hadn't seen my daughter
for a few years, she didn't get
on with ^(...) & not her husband.
Her Adoptive Dad died.

The loss of losing
our children never leaves us.
A lot of us marry into a un-
happy marriage or are scared
to get hurt again.

It's no fun being given
Drugs during & after Birth, to
keep you drugged up, so can
be forced into doing signing
Papers.

Always we feel a loss.
No one can take the hurt &
Heart Break away.

The Governments in those
Days, did not care for the girls,
only getting Babies, for couples.

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couldn't have children. I also
feel sorry for them. The Govern-
ment should have also
checked on the unwed Mothers
Homes, we were treated like dirt.

A lot of us were lucky
to be allowed to even go home
again.

Yours Sincerely.