

# Senate Inquiry into "Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies & practices."

Submission presented by Ms Gemma Dore.

Born: Catherine Anne - 1968.

Mother:

Father:

(was stated unknown, as was not permitted to print the father's name).

I could write a very long & detailed account, of my forced & illegal adoption, & of the experiences of my life, many influenced by the aftermath of my adoption, & the surroundings of my "family" who I was forced to grow up with.

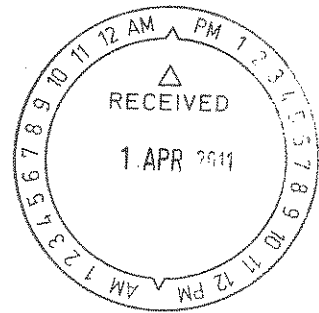
One thing I will never get over, is that apart from nursing care, no body held me or kissed me <sup>for</sup> three months. Not my mother, just nurses coming & going, because my mother wasn't permitted to see me. My mother was given a period of time to come & get me, of which she did, after finding a suitable place to live. But I was transferred to another

hospital, hidden. And my mother was told to go & get along with her life. Which she did, twenty six years later when we were re-united.

To strip a mother of her baby, is a cruel cruel act. But to leave a baby alone is another.

And that's how i am, alone. feeling as if i do not have the capacity to love, because, it took me a long time to learn it.

Nobody checked on my mother, & nobody checked on me. Somebody made the decision to separate us, but nobody cared for our welfare.



Ms. Gemma Dore. 25-3-2011.