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To Whom it may concern,
After receiving The Lilly Pad
newsletter & read the extensions for
Forced adoptions, I saw the support
Numbers, & they told me that they
wanted to hear about peoples experiences
about their Forced Adoptions, at first
I thought I can't do this, but then I
thought I wanted to support others &
myself of what we had been through.

My name is Fay Roberts a forgotten
Australia at the age of 3 to 14 years
old I was put into the Salvation Army
home in Torrumbra, the scars will
never heal that was such a cruel place.

At the age of 16 years old I fell pregnant

& still being under the State Care was put into "The Salvation Army Boothill for Unwanted Mothers" I was told we had a choice if we wanted to keep our baby or give it up for adoption. I always said I wanted to keep my baby, I suppose I just wanted something to love & someone to love me. When I had my baby girl I was 1 month off 17 years of age & my feelings were very strong just to love & keep my baby girl. I had my baby girl on the December 1962. I was aloud to see her & nurse her when I could because of this I was sure they knew I wanted to keep her, but it wasn't to be. Early January 1963 they told me to go into this small room where they brought my baby girl, I had named her they said I had to say "Goodby to her". I couldn't believe it I begged & cried

for them not to take her away
from me, & I do not remember
signing a paper to say I was giving
her up. I cried for days but no one
seemed to care. I had no one to
defend or stand up for me, this was
just so wrong & have never been able
to trust people ever to this day.

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