

I am an academic from the School of Social Work University of New South Wales and my main area of research is ageing. I have been following your inquiry into what happened in institutions "caring" for children and I have also been talking to CLAN and looking at similar organisations in Canada and the UK. All that I have learned so far leads me to believe these people, many of whom are now in their middle and older years, will have particular issues as they age and service providers are currently unaware of these issues.

The losses that this group have experienced need to now be validated and hopefully compensated for. Additionally the broader population needs to be aware of these issues so that services now and into the future can be better able to respond to this group in our community.

My interest in this area is to bring to the attention of health and welfare professionals, particularly social workers, the needs of this population as they age.

Thanking you for consideration of the above points  
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