

## **SUBMISSION TO "FORGOTTEN CHILDREN" SENATE INQUIRY**

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I am very concerned that some submissions received for the "Forgotten Children" Inquiry has mentioned names of family members and also the names of alleged abusers. I believe this is a breach of the Privacy Act. It appears that anyone could make a submission to a Senate Inquiry and say whatever they liked, even if it is not true

I was (and am) very distressed to find a false allegation in Submission 415 by Ms "Jane Doe" was that a person named Lt Chris Cole "especially cruel". I can prove that the "Chris Cole" named was not me. While I recognise that after many years people can not remember details and names, as far as I know there was no person with the same or similar name to mine working at the home over the time period given.

This allegation is now "floating around" the World Wide Web. Other allegations in the same submission also appear to be false. There could be many people who have been named in submissions who are not aware that their names have been published for the world to see.

Another person who made a submission told me she was not aware that her submission would be published on the web. She was upset and now wishes she had used a pseudonym instead of her name.

I would hope that in future Senate Inquiries that names not be published in any way, without the permission of the people named, or, unless legal action of some sort (eg. a person being charged with a crime) has released the information.

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