

TO SENATE ENQUIRY
'FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS'



DEAR SIR OR MADAM

I AM A MEMBER OF CLAN. I AM 74 YEARS OLD
& MY BROTHERS & I WERE IN CHILDRENS HOMES IN UK, I IN THE SOUTH
OF ENGLAND & MY BROTHERS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND. AS WITH ALL
CHILDREN IN HOMES IN THAT ERA, WE WOULD ALL HAVE EXPERENCED
UNHAPPY CHILDHOODS. WE WERE IN WAIFS AND STRAYS (CHURCH OF ENGLAND).

I REALISE YOUR ENQUIRY IS ABOUT AUSTRALIAN HOMES.
I HAVE READ DAVID HILL'S BOOK 'FORGOTTEN CHILDREN' ABOUT
THE FAIRBRIDGE SOCIETY & I NOTICED THAT THEY &
(WAIFS AND STRAYS (ACCORDING TO MY BROTHER) HAVE A
HUNDRED YEAR EMBARGO ON VARIOUS MATTERS.

AS BOTH OF THESE ORGANISATIONS ARE IN ENGLAND AND WE
NOW HAVE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, WILL THE ENQUIRY BE ABLE
TO ALTER THIS? EVERYONE OF MY GENERATION WILL BE DEAD
BY THEN.

HOPING THIS IS OF USE IN YOUR ENQUIRY

YOURS TRULY

Grace Windell (RTD NURSING SISTER)

P.S. WHILST IN WAIFS & STRAYS WE HEARD ABOUT BIG BROTHER SCHEME
AND ENVIED THEM. UNTIL WATCHING THE "LEAVING OF LIVERPOOL" I HAD
NO IDEA OF THEIR FATE. AT THAT TIME WE HAD NO ACCESS TO ANY READING
MATTER EXCEPT AT SCHOOL. SO I DON'T KNOW HOW WE HEARD IT IT WAS THE