

SENATE INQUIRY INTO COMMONWEALTH CONTRIBUTION TO FORMER FORCED ADOPTION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) The role, if any, of the Commonwealth Government, its policies and practices in contributing to forced adoptions within Australia.

A personal submission by:

Janys Allan (nee Morgan)

Dear Senators,

Regarding: Senate Inquiry into Commonwealth Contribution To
Former Forced Adoption Policies and Practices.

Please accept this submission and register my name as a participant in this Inquiry.

I would like this submission to be published on the internet.

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia I had and still do have an inalienable right to protection under the Australian Constitution, rule of law and the Common Law of this nation.

As an Australian citizen, the Commonwealth should have afforded us all protection from the unlawful and harmful actions that threatened our right to life, liberty and justice from those who denied us all these rights, within and without, the borders of Australia.

We must live by the Australian Constitution, Rule of Law, and the Common Law of this country and Commonwealth politicians are elected to uphold Commonwealth Law meaning they will prevail over federal legislation, and by operation of section 109 of the Constitution, will override inconsistent state laws (whether past or future.)

I am a natural mother who would like to register my interest in this Committee's Inquiry and acknowledge that it is an important step in addressing the issues of forced adoptions within Australia from the 1950's to the 1970's.

As a direct consequence of the inhumane treatment I received, I have suffered a lifetime of living grief and pain and as a result I am unable to write a personal story for presentation to the Inquiry; however, below are points regarding the loss of my daughter.

I thank you for this opportunity to join my sisters in standing as one, as we eagerly await our great Nation to hear and see the truth unfold. I would appreciate you adding my name and address to your mailing list so that I can receive future correspondence and documents on the progress of this Inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

Janys Allan

PERSONAL STATEMENT

On this day, the 27th October 2011, I, JANYS HEATHER ALLAN (nee Morgan), of NORTHMEAD NSW, say on Oath and Solemnly swear, the information provided in this, my personal submission, is the TRUTH and nothing but the TRUTH.

Under the Australian Constitution and it's Common Law, the duty of the Commonwealth is to defend abiding citizens from unlawful and harmful actions that threaten our right to life, liberty and justice, both from within and without the borders of Australia. We have a right to defend ourselves against those who threaten or attempt to kidnap and those who attempt to undermine our parental right.

I believe there has been a miscarriage of justice and we have suffered and continue to suffer, due to an illegal adoption racket that occurred within this Nation.

PRE-BIRTH

At the age of 19 & under the orders of my Mother and Father, I was put into residence at the Queen Victoria Hospital Annandale NSW for unmarried girls section five months prior to the birth of my baby. I was confined to this institution from January to June 1961.

The duties and the hours endured by me and the other heavily pregnant girls were horrendous. To bestow these duties upon us, in the condition we were in, is, in my view, criminal to say the least. I was ordered to work mainly in the laundry, right up until the birth of my baby.

The confines of this institution and being subjected to these horrific circumstances left me feeling suicidal to the extent I actually physically climbed the fence three weeks before the birth of my baby to go and be with my Gran.

On the May 1961 I was taken back to the Queen Victoria Hospital Annandale NSW as my labor had begun. Very little attention was given to me by the staff at the hospital. I felt like I didn't exist to them.

MEDICATION

The time leading up until my baby was about to be born I was given so much medication. I was never spoken to about what the medication was, what it was called, what it was going to do to me. I was never told anything. I have a copy of a hand written notation of what meds were given to me. The writing is not clear. From what I can make out, the following was administered:-

- mist pot brom +chlord ?
- 1M1 Pethedine 100mgms sedation used during labour
- Analgesics and oxytocis.Pitocin and Engometunic ?

I believe, due to the amount of medication administered into my body, it was hours before I was coherent enough to realise that I had given birth.

POST-BIRTH

A nurse told me I had given birth to a baby girl.

Each time I asked the staff about my baby I was completely ignored or told she "no longer belonged to me".

Postpartum I experienced severe pain, which made me feel even more

depressed. I was told by the nursing staff “you will get over it” and more medication was given to me. They told me nothing, no advice was given, no counseling was offered, as I was repeatedly told I was “not in charge of my baby”.

The more I asked the staff about my baby the more medication I was given. I felt I was not in my body, I could hear words being spoken but I can't remember if I was being spoken to or if I answered any questions. I just don't remember. This, I believe, is due to the fact I had so many drugs in my body my senses that were supposed to be functioning were a complete shambles.

I do however remember one, and only one, of the nursing sisters who felt sorry for me as I was only 19, she took me around the side of the hospital which I remember was very narrow, looked as though that access was hardly ever used. There she took me to a small window where she had placed my baby for me to see. It would have only been for about 5 minutes, for just a look, I guess I was lucky in a way I got to see her at least.

ADOPTION

I have no recollection if, or when, I signed any papers regarding the approval of my daughter to be removed from me for adoption. I was NEVER given any options or time frame to think about what had just been said to me about my daughter being adopted. No discussion was had, no advice given, no counseling. I had no say in anything. I had no choice in anything.

DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL

The following day, on the _____ of June, I was discharged from the Queen Victoria Hospital Annandale NSW and was told to “just go home and forget all that has happened, it is easily done” was the parting comment from the hospital staff. My Mother and Father picked me up on this day without a word spoken.

LAWS PREVENTING ME ACCESS TO MY DAUGHTER

Due to privacy laws within NSW, I, as the birth mother, was NOT PERMITTED to try and find MY first born child, nor was I allowed to make any attempt to contact MY first born child. I was only permitted to make this attempt from the year 2000. In the year 1997, my first born child (MY daughter stolen to adoption), through a mediator, successfully made contact with me. I now know, through my daughter's testament, she was “adopted privately to a family member of one of the Directors of the Hospital”.