Affidavit under Oath

I, BRIAN JOSEPH JENKINS, retired writer and consultant of Safety Bay, Western Australia, do hereby make oath and swear that the following declaration is based on my personal knowledge, unless otherwise stated, and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

1. In 1962, being aged 21, and a student in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Sydney, I entered a relationship with SUZANNE MARGARET McGRATH, who later became pregnant.

2. Suzanne's father, of Chatswood, New South Wales, a solicitor at law and a Roman Catholic, vigorously opposed our relationship. He and his wife subjected their daughter, a minor, to great pressure to separate her from me, a non-Catholic. He and , a Franciscan friar, also instigated intimidating visits to me by police officers and, at one time, forcibly abducted Suzanne and detained her against her will.

3. I had discontinued studies in 1963, commenced employment and relocated to Melbourne by agreement with my de facto wife. The child was born at Queen Victoria Hospital on 26 October 1963 and the birth was registered by myself in the name .

4. At Christmas, 1963, proposing reconciliation with Suzanne's family, I took her and our baby on two weeks' holiday to Sydney, from which I returned to Melbourne alone. By agreement, SUZANNE remained with her parents until I could return. was soon thereafter placed for adoption. Suzanne advised me by letter on 29 January 1964 that she had signed a Consent for the adoption and that she consequently viewed our relationship as ended.

5. During April 1964, I quit my employment, returned to Sydney and desperately proposed that we marry in the Catholic Church and seek to retrieve our child at law. I was disqualified from the marriage in May 1964 by a tribunal of Franciscan friars at Paddington, as a result of which I abandoned hope of any reconciliation and ceased all contact with Suzanne.

6. Many years later, on 7 May, 1985, having married and relocated to Western Australia, I received in the post from SUZANNE a "Statement regarding irregular procedures in adoption", the content of which I have decided to submit to a Senate committee enquiry.

7. The Department of Territories later advised that it had registered my daughter's adoption.

Sworn by the deponent
at Safety Bay, Western Australia
on 30 October 2011

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Signature of deponent

Before me:

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Signature of witness

Full name of witness: .....

A Justice of the Peace