Addition to submission to the senate inquiry into Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices.
Again thank you for accepting my previous submission to senate 2004 as the body of my submission to this inquiry.
Terminal grief is a term I hear regularly and I'm not sure what that means, what I felt for 23yrs and to a large degree still do today is a deep yearning / debilitating emotional pain and distress / fear of government departments and authority / anxiety and panic with regard to my younger 4 children and grandchildren.
Worst of all is the depression, when my son was adopted and I was told I would never see him again, a part of me stopped in time, gone was the innocence that life could be anything but pain, my younger children watched as I at times became catatonic with depression and grief wondering if my son was happy and cared for, I would contact the department here in Queensland and beg them to tell me if my boy had come into contact with services /put into foster care or an institution.
2006 I found my son and made contact, I felt the rage and anguish lift from me, yet the pain always remains.
Knowing how affected he had been his whole life is devastating.
The senate and Australian government owes justice to those who have suffered as a result if not us mothers; OUR children innocents and without the right to their true identity from birth, those who suffered abuse and neglect, ALL of our children must for the first time in their lives be put first and shown the same rights as every Australian to justice and redress in whatever way they feel just.
Sue Treweek.