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To the Senate Inquiry: Apology Alliance
(...) Member,
The Stolen White Generation.

Overview of my Story

The terms of reference for the committee's inquiry are as follows:

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

b) the potential role of the Commonwealth in developing a national framework to assist states and territories to address the consequences for the mothers, their families and children who were subject to forced adoption policies.

I would like you to keep my name and address private please

This is not all the details of what I endured an all the things done to me but to give you as what I can outline of some of it. The address and phone number is in case you would like to contact me.

THE START OF WHAT HAPPENED

I was trigged in 1995 from the Oprah Show on adoption and rape that triggered all those years before of the trauma I had been through. I know I could not stop the pain coming to the fore since that show in 1995. I had to start facing all those years that I bottled up the loss of my daughter. I had no choice but to face it and it took years as I could only deal with it step by step and could not do any more for a about another 4 months in between each gathering of

information. First I cried for months on and off. This was very debilitating and it also took away my ability to work.

Medical Information

I was seen by (…) in May 1999 5years after I started this discovery. I had been told by Dr (…) that I had Dissociated Amnesia Disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder this is why I had no memory of suppressed memory for so many years. I had no memory of having a child until 1995. How I conceived my daughter. (I was raped coming home from school then I became pregnant.) Dr (…) said I had a lot to unravel and at my age 50 years old. I would never work again. (I have a report from Dr (…) if you need that.)

CROWN STREET HOSPITAL.

I gave birth to my daughter at Crown St Hospital on the (…) September 1962. In the middle of the birth the doctors held me down with a pillow over my face to stop me seeing my child. The hospital staff refused to give my daughter to me. It was not until the third day that my mother demanded my baby be given to me. This is when they gave me my child.

After I received my medical records in 1996 regarding Crown Street Hospital the records informed me what was done to me. From 7months pregnant my records say I was drugged on 44 doses of Barbiturates until discharged from Hospital on the 24th September 1962. Also giving me Stilboestrol to dry up my milk, that is a carcinogenic this also was given without my consent.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

I was discharged from Crown Street Hospital on the 24th September 1962. I took my daughter to Scarba House owned by Benevolent Society. I was told by

my parents to leave my daughter there until they sold their house and purchased another then we would take my daughter home. I went every week-end to see my daughter.

Mrs (…) employed by the Benevolent Society was the Registrar of Scarba House, while my daughter was there for 2 months period. Mrs (…) said after 2 months she had an offer from a couple that wanted to adopt my daughter. That Scarba could not hold my daughter any longer as they needed the room. At that stage my parents had not purchased another house. I found out years later that Scarba House had plenty of room. Scarba House wanted to get my daughter to adopt out. These adopted parents lived in the country and were well off and could give my daughter what I could not so Scarba told me. This is what I was told by Mrs (…) little did I know my daughter did not go out for adoption it was a lie.

Benevolent Society employees tried to force us to give up my daughter this happened every time my mother and I went to see my daughter weekends. The staff at Scarba hounded my mother every week-end. Finely my parents were conned into believing I had signed my daughter up for adoption. My parents had no memory of me signing any consent form. In 1999 I got proof from the Supreme Court I did not sign any consent paper. I knew that the signature on the consent at Scarbra House was not my signature. Scarba House lied about my daughter going out for adoption. I found out later that my daughter was keep at Scarba House until 13 months old. I also found out she was still my daughter all that time and if the adoption did not go through why did they not inform me as I was still legally her mother.

I died emotionally after that day December 1962 after Mrs (…) told me that I would never see my daughter again. There seems that since that day with Mrs (…) I appeared to have blocked the treatment regarding my daughter

and the way I was treated by Crown Street Hospital and Scarba House of that horrific treatment I endured for 12 months.

Information and Comments

- In 1996, I was asked by Origins Inc to put in a submission into a Government Parliamentary Inquiry into Past Adoption Practise.
- This is the URL please copy and paste into your browser. http://143.119.255.92/Prod/parlment/committee.nsf/0/7D859E3DD68AAE6BCA256CF5000F1CA9

The above URL line will give you the site regarding the1998-2000 inquiry into Past Adoption Practises. There are 2 books covering the interviewing of witnesses included mothers and organisations and Hospital Staff. All the information given was about the way the mothers were treated and their child also laws back then, any other information that the inquiry was given through the process involved. The board members of the Inquiry then had to hand down a report of their decision. The final report decision can out in December 2000 their decision was found, that **Illegal and Unlawful** acts were committed into Past Adoption Practises. This was proofing that our children being taken back then was done against the law.

- **Involved in this barbarity were doctors, nursing staff, social workers, church and charity workers and adoptive parents who saw the babies as a commodity *made-to-order* for whenever they wanted one. Many of these stolen babies were adopted by people working within the authorities themselves; baby boys and girls were simply ordered when desired and the vetting of prospective parents was almost non-existent.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I started to run a Civil Matter against The State of NSW and the Benevolent Society of NSW in 1998. In 1995 I was just starting to remember small things then and could not take legal action until I had confronted more of what I blocked out. The loss and the pain I had gone through as well as my job and loss of wages for the rest of my life. The way I live also loss of my life and now living on a pension is not going to give anyone a great life. The State Of New South Wales and Benevolent Society NSW did not just take my life. They took the most precious thing I had which was my daughter and years of pain I still carry.

LEGAL ACTION

I happened to get a law firm that was not very good I did not know that at the time. I had a friend also that was doing law and advised me of legal things and was very helpful to me. The Law Firm started to run the case the wrong way. Statue of Limitations which my friend said that was not the right way. To my knowledge you only have three years after the incident of time to claim under the Statue of Limitation. As this was 35 years later and I had no knowledge of this limit and also not allowed by Government to see my evidence until 1991 and to see if wrong doing had been done. This is highly unfair and unjust that I did not have any memory until years later because, of the dishonesty of the Doctors and other staff. They did this to me than they say I am out of time.

I had got Handwriting experts to see if the signature was a **forgery.** Handwriting Expert (…) from Forensics Documents Services produced three reports checking my mothers and my father's signature as well as mine and their report was that it was Mrs (…) signature from Scarba House owned by the Benevolent Society.

Who is going to make these people pay that assaulted me in Crown Street who lied and took my daughter **Forged my signature**. I think I deserved more than an Apology. That was only part of what the Government owes me and other mothers. I have a daughter out there that is not adopted and also will not see me because my daughter thinks I left her in an orphanage for 13 months. Because of that my daughter thinks I abandoned her which is a lie.

The reason being that it was not my fault that I was not allowed any of my adoption information as the laws and those laws did not change until 1991 allowing mothers to see their information and if there were any wrong doings. Why these horrible people that took my child and other mothers, children these people have not been accountable.

I was robbed of my precious daughter about $1.3 Million of wages for not working, I was a bookkeeper and for me to suffer for the rest of my life because they wanted my daughter. What greedy and vial people.

Research

I researched for many years and I have collected all the Laws back then and my daughter was still legally mine until she was two years old. Benevolent Society had let my daughter go to the adopted parents at 13 months without my permission. How can you give a child to another when the child was still mine? These rules are written in the 1939 Child Welfare Act. Who is going to punish these people for all the laws they broke and also give them a present of a beautiful baby for breaking the Law?
The mother that suffers right through life has no life at all because she had to give her live up for some other person to have a happy one. The whole thing

makes me sick. In the end it was Benevolent Society was the one that stole my child and forged my signature on the consent to adopt form.

Regards

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