

**Senate Inquiry into
“Commonwealth contribution to former forced
adoption policies and practices.”**

I
am a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia resident in
New South Wales

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia I have an inalienable right to
protection under the Australian Constitution and the Common Law of this country

As an Australian citizen, the Commonwealth affords me protection from the unlawful and
harmful actions that threaten my right to life, liberty and justice from those who would
deny me these rights, within and without, the borders of Australia .

Submission;

I gave birth on the (...) 1958 at a (...) (...)

This was arranged by my Doctor, who advised Adoption, as welfare would take my Baby. This was also preached to me at the Home by the Matron who told Me Welfare would step in if I did not sign adoption Papers, as I had no work.

At NO time was I offered any Help, financially or physically and I was unaware of any help available to Me. Nor was I informed of a 30 Day REVOCATION period. I was not asked if I wanted extra time to consider my decision to adopt My Baby.

Fortunately (although at the time very Heart breaking) I (and All the other Mothers) were able to see our Babies from birth until their Adoption. Each Mother bathed, fed and changed our babies Every Day. This was done between our Regular jobs of scrubbing floors (even while pregnant !)dusting and kitchen duties (we were cheap labour and it saved having extra staff)

I feel I was being *coerced* into adopting my Baby by being made afraid of Welfare forcibly taking Him if I couldn't cope.

I have NO records for my Babies birth or my own Health during this time at the Home
Nor were any (records) ever offered to me