

To whom it may concern.

I was reading Information about the Inquiry into the Commonwealth's contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices.

My name is Janet May Kaye and I was a ward of the state in Hobart Tasmania from around 1960 to 1973. In 1971 at the age of 16 I became pregnant and Family Service was involved, I gave birth in South Hobart and Family Service said I should give my son up for adoption.

After I had a blood transfusion they used my fragile condition and confusion against me and said because my mother used to take ecliptic fits that it would be dangerous for my child and I would be responsible for anything that happen to him also that I was "a baby having a baby". They never gave me the option of fostering or even mentioned fostering only the option of adoption.

After being in hospital for a week I assumed I had 30 days to change your mind so I went to Family Service In Maury st Hobart and they told me my baby was already adopted out to a family.

Recently I received the adoption papers that state he was not adopted out straight away and was in a foster home for a number of months.

I have since found him but he wants nothing to do with be because he thinks I didn't want him, I feel I was cheated of all those years not knowing him because I was pressured or better put made to sign the adoption papers.

Because I was so young and naive they used that against me they treated me like I had no choice and due to my lack of education did not fully understand what I was signing, they never sat me down and talked to me about options just gave me the papers and said sign here.

Regards Janet M Kaye.