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National – Inquiry into Barriers in Australian Adoptions

Dear Committee,

I am an adoptee from 1962 and although I had a very good adoption, I do not believe this is always in the best interest for the child. I believe it is always best for the child to remain within the family unit and **NEVER EVER** be taken away from that. It was not that long ago that the Federal and State Apologies for **FORCED ADOPTION** happened. National Apology 21st March 2013 and 27th November 2012 for Forced Adoption. If the child cannot stay within the family unit, then maybe a permanent guardianship setup would be the best option. That way the child still has continual connection with their family on a regular basis.

There are a lot of issues with adoption that happen to the child all through their lives. There are times when I wonder whether I was ever wanted. There are times when I wonder whether I am ever good enough through nothing that I ever did. I feel there are pieces missing. I will never know my birth mother or my birth father. As well as not knowing any hereditary diseases. As there would be issues for the birth mother having your baby taken away from you would be heart wrenching. You would be looking for your baby forever and not knowing where the baby went and to who would be catastrophic for the mothers and not forgetting about the fathers as well.

I hope that you would please give my letter some acknowledgement and regard for the child wellbeing and keep them within the family unit and if that is not possible have a permanent guardianship relationship where the child would have some connection to their own family. **This is very important!**

Yours sincerely,