

Auntie Wendy Kelly
(...)



Re Senate Inquiry into

“Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies and practices

Department of the Senate
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee

I would dearly like to be able to present a longer submission to the above Inquiry but due to the emotional turmoil of reliving the most painful and traumatic event in my life, I am unable to do so

As an Indigenous citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia resident in NSW
I had 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

Please accept this as my submission

Auntie Wendy Kelly Beale maiden name and formally Mathews (as transcribed by Lily Arthur)

Born a Kamilaroy woman in Gunnedah New South Wales Auntie Wendy was one of three children raised in her own family

In 1954 Auntie Wendy gave birth to son (...) and later another son (...) in 1955

Around 1956/7 Auntie gave birth to a boy who was taken at birth and may have been placed for adoption she is not sure what happened to this child

In 1958-59 Auntie had two more children a girl named (...) and a boy named (...) which were taken together, both were infants and adopted out to white parents

In 1959-1961? Auntie gave birth again to another two children (...) and then later a newborn (...); these two children were also taken together and adopted out

Auntie Wendy remarried in 1967 and later had another two child whom she raised

Around 1984 was informed that her son (...) was in hospital and went and saw him, he was told that she was his mother but he was so stunned that he could not respond. Auntie Wendy was also in a state of shock and could not relate to the young stranger who was her son

After that meeting she never saw him again, and to this day has not had any more contact with him

In the 1970s Auntie met her daughter (...) and stayed with her for a while it was during this time that Aunt Wendy found out that her daughter has been sexually molested by the adoptive father, this not only shocked her but also made her very angry that people who were suppose to look after her daughter did not take care of her.

The relationship between her and her daughter (...) later broke down, she has not heard from her since.

From what she gathers (...) and (...) have not had any contact with each other, nor did they know of (...) and (...)

Both (...) and (...) and the first taken newborn (un-named) are still missing and Link-Up has been searching for them

Since losing 5 of her children to adoption Auntie Wendy has spent many years wondering what had happened to her children, she has been powerless to know how to make contact with them due to the fear of the trauma inflicted on her by the welfare system

She suffered many years of torment and abuse from her former husband at the loss of her children, and she has suffered many years of sadness wondering about the fate of her lost infants

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Signed