

Margaret Ann Hatton
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Re Senate Inquiry into
"Commonwealth contribution to former forced adoption policies

Department of the Senate
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee,

I would dearly like to present a 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.

I would like to state that the consent to the adoption of my child was given without information of my legal rights

I gave birth to my child at Bethesda Hospital, Marrickville NSW, on (...) May, 1960.

- I was allowed to see my child after birth.
- I was not given information in regard to foster care for my child.
- I was not informed of any lifelong future regret if I surrendered my child for adoption.
- I was not given any information of financial assistance that would enable me to keep my child.

Finally I would like to say that:

As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia, resident in New South Wales, 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 those rights, within and without, the borders of Australia.

Please accept this as my submission.

Yours Sincerely
(...)

Margaret Ann Hatton
12th March 2011