DEATH BY ABDUCTION

The men and women who carried out such inhumane treatment remain as ghosts within the graveyard of a natural mother's heart and soul.

STATE OF VICTORIA

Each State had their own Adoption Act and

Whilst all States legislated Uniform Adoption Acts, the State

Of Victoria made amendments to their Adoption Act 1964 outside the

Model Adoption Act

Reference: Where names are mentioned they are quoted from public documents thus can remain as identifiable names.

DEDICATION

Whilst preparing this submission, it has been a painful journey but a journey that had to be taken.

The most significant part of my submission, I believe, is not only the quoted evidence about the illegal and unlawful past adoption practices and procedures **but the wonderful creed of the Presbyterian Sisterhood. Their deputation including 3 Ministers of Religion met with Dr. (...) , Chairman of the Hospitals and Charities Commission expressing grave concerns at the unexpected treatment unmarried mothers were receiving at the separation of mother and baby at birth.**

Their efforts fell on deaf eyes but their creed certainly foresaw what was about to happen to unmarried mothers from 13 May, 1958 onwards. These wonderful and caring people dictated to by the power and authority of others and one asks *"where were the Commonwealth and State politicians' when these grave concerns (that have turned out to be the **truth)** were being expressed?*

The creed of the Presbyterian Sisterhood (their unmarried mother's home closed down in 1976) was

> *"The young womanhood of a nation is like the precious pearl something beyond price. Its value passes the worth of silver or gold. Like the pearl of great price, it can, at the hands of the careless, suffer irreparable injury".*

I repeat the truth they were speaking:

> *"Like the pearl of great price, it can, at the hands of the careless, suffer irreparable injury".*

That is exactly what happened to unmarried natural mothers from that date forward until early 1970's. Their warning IGNORED.

Their creed certainly a creed filled with Pears of Vision that could be used as the creed for the Inquiry.

The truth is like a scalpel – it opens up the emotional wounds of lies which have laid dormant in the denial system.

The fight for truth is over and it is not about victory or honor - it is about unmarried natural mothers forcibly separated from their babies in the labor ward taking their rightful place in Society proudly believing in self once more. It is also about their children, grandchildren and future generations knowing the truth about the unconscionable treatment we endured during the time of the birth of our first child

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- ***Guidelines for workers assisting parents in completing a consent to an adoption order Section 28 1964 Adoption Act Victoria*** Adoption Manual – Department of Social Welfare 1965 – copy obtained from Department of Human Services Library 1997)
- Various Tables of Statistics referred to in submission.

DEFINITION OF MOTHERHOOD

A mother is a woman who conceives in her womb the body of her child and later gives birth to that same child. Everyone knows that. Yet she does not create the soul of the child – God creates it. But she bears both the body and the soul of the child in her womb; she bears the whole person.

No child can say to his mother, "*You are only the mother of my body, not of my soul, because God created my soul not you*".

That would be most disrespectful to his mother, and, besides, she did not create his body either – in fact, she created nothing of him. She conceived his body and God created his soul within his body at conception. She nurtured him and eventually gave birth to him. She is not only of the constitutive natures of that being, that is, material body and spiritual soul; she is the mother of the whole person.

This conclusion is most important; she is not only the mother of the child's body, but of the whole child, the person.

Mary is not and could not possibly be the creator of Jesus, since He is Eternal, Uncreated. She is His Mother because She bore Him in Her Womb. She nurtured Him there, and finally gave birth to Him.

Any woman who does these things for a child is the **mother of that child.** ***(****Australian Needs Fatima Newsletter November 1, 2001 – Raymond de Souza)*

PREGNANCY – NATURAL MOTHER

When the beautiful news is given to a woman (regardless of age) that they are to be a mother, the most miraculous thing happens to their body. Their body is no longer their own, she commences to share it with a precious gift of new life – growing in her womb for the next 40 weeks. The love and bond that is formed between the two of them during this time is very precious and only a person who is a natural mother can understand the wonderful time that the two share together.

A new world opens up for both of them – a mother nurturing her angel – her blood flowing through a little angel inside her – giving the angel life.

"To have carried a baby in your womb, shared a blood supply, felt its little feet against your abdomen, heart its little heart beat, sensed it growing bigger and

stronger, while it changes your metabolism, and the way you sleep, breathe and eat, and then to have given birth to a living, breathing human child you have been longing to cuddle is not a trivial act." *(Herald Sun January 20, 2011 Mieranda Devine "Kids are not accessories – page 34)*

Unborn baby grabs surgeon's hand – when it was necessary for an unborn baby to undergo surgery - 13.12.2010.

This would be one of the most precious pictures speaking for itself and a true reminder that unmarried natural mothers carried within their own bodies for 9 months their own little angel – a real life – that was taken from them illegally and unlawfully at birth. They had already bonded together during those 9 months forever.

Nothing can ever compare to that experience and even after birth, the mother's body can never be the same. She has shared it with her own precious angel – and a mother's mental, physical (her body) and spiritual conditions **are never the same again.**

Why would a mother desert her baby that she has carried in her own womb for 40 weeks? Every mother was surrounded by midwives.

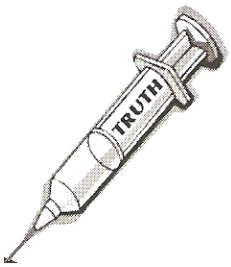
***"Midwives** have always been mediators between nature and culture. They have to be able to understand feelings which are*

passionate and basic. They are witnesses to the first reaching out of arms towards the newborn which lies at the root of human love and because it expresses the bonding of family members."(The Midwife Challenge – Edited by Sheila Kitzinger1988)

Natural mothers were not surrenders – of their babies – and at the time of birth motherhood is born as well as a new angel. Midwives **failed their duties** when dealing with unmarried natural mothers.

"Without the presence and acceptance of the midwife, obstetrics becomes aggressive, technological and inhuman." Professor G.J. Kloosterman"

"*It is understandable, that, having no obvious function, doctors become anxious about their role and intervene in perfectly normal labors. They do this also because the technology is there, waiting to be used, because they have been trained to intervene and believe their skills are necessary, and because they seeing themselves as saviors and defenders of the fetus, the only ones who really care which leads to intrusive and sometimes iatrogenic intervention. It is no fetal distress that is the cause of the trouble, but obstetricians' distress". (The Midwife Challenge – Edited by Sheila Kitzinger1988 page 7 "Why women need midwives").*



INJECTION OF TRUTH

"What lovers of fair minded truth should keep in mind in deciding moral, apart from legal responsibility is the part that the man plays. And then even though the father and the father's family be unknown or kept out of sight – ***the fact that the father half endows the offspring with mental and physical qualities to be passed on further into prosperity is not fairly to be forgotten."*** *(The Unmarried Mother – Percy Gamble Kammerer, published January 1918 Page xi)*

The original *intent* within the adoption industry of the 1950/1970's has been lost in the fog of partisan invective and point scoring opinions of those that either are covering their own illegal actions or by those present day authorities defending their past colleagues.

The reality of these unconscionable atrocities **is that the Commonwealth and State and Territories members of Parliament KNEW it was taking place.**

The prospective adoptive parents' age range – eligibility to apply to adopt a newborn – was the same as the decline age range of confinements in Australia.

THE DISTORTION OF TRUTH

The public debate regarding past adoptions has created an atmosphere where so many organizations/groups and authorities are deliberately misleading their

audience by twisting the truth of their own actions. They publicly defend what they did in the past instead of either

- Listening to the truth that is being presented to them by natural mothers, or
- By acknowledging that the righteous stances could have been flawed.

In many ways this is deliberate obfuscation. People have manipulated words for their own ulterior purpose knowing full well the meaning of the words that natural mothers are presenting is correct.

> "*People who use words to mean whatever they want them to mean at the time but give little or no thought to what that meaning or what it might mean to anyone else at any other time, are like adolescents sampling the Golden Rule; imputing unto others what they presume others would impute unto them. (Editorial AISI Volume 35 4 November 2000)*

No debate or solution can be conclusively undertaken until demystification becomes the first step.

> *"Once the organizing concepts and arguments have been made clear, then the real discussion can begin". (Editorial AISI Volume 35 4 November 2000)*

When discourse ignores a natural mother's truth such as the older tradition that emphasis rights, is at best ineffective and quite likely dangerous, Isaiah Berlin (Two Concepts of Liberty) states

> *"I must do for men (or with them) what they cannot do for themselves, and I cannot ask their permission or consent, because they are in no position to know what is best for them, indeed, what they will permit and accept may mean a life of contemptible mediocrity, or perhaps even their ruin and suicide."*

Contemptible – disgraceful, shameful, despicable, distasteful, disreputable
Mediocrity - unevenness, poorness, weakness

Is this one of theories that past authorities believed leaving an unmarried natural mother with a life of contemptible mediocrity, ruin and in many cases suicide?

HONESTY EXPRESSED BY ADOPTED PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Throughout my research over the past 20 years, I have come across numerous documents which clearly outline the responsibilities (and the failures) of all those involved in the 'adoption process'.

One letter written by the **President of an Adopted Parents Association 1977** (respecting the privacy of the President I have withheld his name) states:

> *"we now hold one hundred pages of evidence, collected from parents and solicitors, relating to unprofessional behavior in some social workers in the handling of adoption in Victoria."*

Whilst that is an endorsement of natural mothers' truth, it also is a very serious situation. One can only hope that the 100 pages of evidence will be submitted to the present Commonwealth Senate Inquiry.

Natural mothers' have brought the atrocities committed against unmarried natural mothers to the attention of Commonwealth and State Governments since 1968. The State of Victoria held an inquiry and review of the 1964 Adoption Act in Victoria resulting in the enactment of the 1984 Adoption Act. This review acknowledged that the interests of the natural parents had not been protected in the past and led to the significant reforms of the current Act. Upon the enactment of the 1984 Adoption Act the atrocities were swept under the carpet never to be addressed by a Victoria Government.

As explained in the history of the Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne, Dr. (...) advised unmarried natural mothers were to be brain washed into believing they were *only carrying a lump* well that *lump* has built up under the carpet, until it no longer can be walked over or walked around. It has to be addressed.

The Commonwealth Government has known since as early as 1968 (documented) that many unmarried natural mothers and their babies were being separated in the labor ward together with natural mothers and their babies being used as guinea pigs in drug experiments that were funded by the Commonwealth Government through their own Commonwealth Serum Laboratories.

- The seeds for the outrageous inhumane treatment and injustices against unmarried mothers and their babies commenced following the enactment of the 1958 Adoption Act. Dr (...) , Senior Obstetrician of the Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne and his colleague's outrageous statements (disgraceful, shameful, offensive, contemptible, despicable) opinions and decisions from 1958 onwards were a 360 degree turn around from what was happening prior to the enactment of the 1958 Adoption Act in Victoria. *"Why did these medical professionals change attitudes against unmarried mothers from 1957/8 onwards"?*

POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1958 – Obscenity Law

This case was heard under ***Obscenity Law under Police Offences Act 1958*** *over the distribution of a magazine called* Reveille *in Victoria Mackay v Gordon and Gotch (Australasia Ltd.) – an English publication*

> *before Judge J Sholl in Victoria Supreme Court Appeal held 15 and 30 October 1959.* (Vic. Law Ref Book 1959 pages 420-429).

The words of Judge J Sholl in his deliverance of findings against *Gordon and Gotch* are very relevant evidence of the Court's opinion towards unmarried mothers.

Gordon and Gotch (Australasia Ltd) were found guilty under the Police Act for articles labeled "Obscene" although the interpretation of the Police Act meant *'the whole magazine'* was obscene the judgment referred to 4 articles.

The police officer Sergeant Katherine Mackay particularly complained about the '*Unmarried Mother'* article.

Judge Sholl stated:

> *"Conformity with the accept social standards of decency in debate, in dealing with inter alia matters of sex is in general demanded by our law. But those standards may differ as between Victoria and a foreign country or as between Victoria and England".*

Under the Obscenity Clause Judge Sholl took the view that

> *"unduly emphasizing matters of sex means dealing with them in a manner which offends against the standards of the community in which the article is published.*

It is for the courts to ascertain those standards for itself. I agree it is not to be narrow or puritanical and that it is to recognize that it must allow for many tastes and many degrees and standards of education and of refinement and for the grave lack of them in some quarters."

On the *"Unmarried Mother by Choice"* article on page 3 of the magazine he states:

"the article gives much prominence to the actions and opinions of a young unmarried woman (depicted with her child in sympathetic fashion) who has adopted and who vigorously defends in language quoted in the article, the practice of intercourse out of wedlock for the express purpose of satisfying a desire for an illegitimate child without suffering the so called risk of an unsuccessful marriage. It allows her to emphasise that notwithstanding some public disapproval she is happy and considers her actions completely justifiable. It publishes without disapprobation her assertion that her illicit intercourse with a man she knew, though he and she had decided against marriage was 'no sordid love affair'.

"It publicises her attempt to invest with an air of courageous and worthwhile social experiment a professedly deliberate flouting of the established moral and legal standards of the community as to marriage and legitimacy of illegitimate children any idea of social stigma."

"The article contains an invitation to readers to comment and to state whether they or any of them have or has had a similar experience. But the invitation is neither apparently intended, nor could suffice to render the article a serious contribution to the legitimate discussion and consideration of a social problem."

*"The article is no doubt absurd and pathetic from one point of view but in my opinion it is also mischievous and has a tendency to **deprave and corrupt** in that its tendency would be among what I would suppose from general experience in the courts to be an appreciable number of women and perhaps of men also, to pervert and undermine standards to corrupt judgment and to coarsen conduct theretofore founded on conventional teaching according to ordinary standards in the community".*

"The public defense of illicit intercourse for the purposes advocated by the authoress must be expected to tend in this class of publication to secure among the general public some who will defend and adopt perhaps some who will actually practice the doctrines so put forward".

The Judge believed

> "this article and the magazine overall were designed to appeal to the lower and cruder **minds among the public by emphasizing any aspects of sex calculated by aberration from the normal to excite the interest of depraved tastes."**

- The judge was also referring to the "Nudism article" with the above comment.

The Judge '*placed*' the *Unmarried Mothers Choice* article under the Obscenity law and he stated

> "*I suppose after all that the law of obscenity is really designed inter alia to discourage a reversion to the promiscuity of primitive people and thereby to protect family life and through it an ordered society which is organized on the basis of the continuance of the family as its basic unit. In this case, no one in my opinion could legitimately claim for this publication any serious reforming purpose. It blatantly emphasizes sex with which it deals especially to promiscuous sexual intercourse, illegitimacy. It overruns whatever limits the most liberal of Australian standards allow".*

The date of this appeal 15 and 30 October 1959 – the first case was heard in 1958.

The wheels moved quickly immediately after Gordon and Gotch were found guilty under the Police Offences Act 1958 and the loss of their Appeal in the Supreme Court in 1959 – setting the wheel in motion against all unmarried mothers within Victoria as a result of Mr. Justice Sholl's decision.

- New Adoption Act 1958
- Dr (...) 's lectures in 1959 and 1960 about unmarried mothers
- The meetings with Dr (...) and the Social Workers of Queen Victoria Hospital and Royal Women's Hospital endorsing the changes in treatment of unmarried mothers
    - that mothers were no longer allowed to breast feed their babies after birth.
    - those mothers must be sent home directly from the hospital and not returned to the 'unmarried mother's home' if they resided in one before their hospital admittance.
    - mothers are only allowed out of 'home' one day a week and must be accompanied by someone. (Hidden away).

- On May 13, 1958 the written endorsement by Dr. (...) and Dr. (...) of the Hospitals and Charities Commission that the treatment of unmarried mothers was to be changed to reflect the

  '*modern outlook in the matter of unmarried motherhood be concurred in as being more in line with modern medical opinion*"

Note: Also see notes on Hospital and Charities Commission below.

Note: What was disturbing in reading this Appeal was that a Police Officer brought about the charges against Gordon and Gotch who were found guilty and lost their appeal? Whilst I make no comment on the other articles that were labeled obscene under the law I believe it should be very relevant that the unmarried mother article should not have been seen as *'obscene"*. The article has been sighted and it was about a person aged 20 years who had decided to rear her baby as an unmarried mother. Nothing more nothing less - she was exercising her rights of choice for her and her infant.

This decision tended not only to bring the law into disrepute but also set justice at a risk. Unmarried mothers were seen as committing a phantom crime. The unbuttressed opinions of the judge became the opinion of society and thus putting into place a phantom crime unmarried mothers committed against society from that moment on.

A court cannot condemn on the mere unproven suspicion of what they call unintentional evil doing. The obscenity act was based on no more than the mere unproven suspicion of unintentional evil doing.

Why was the article condemned? To punish a woman not simply for what she had done, but for the unproven consequences of what she done and still further for the unpredictable consequences of these consequences of giving birth outside marriage?

The system put into place following Mr. Justice Sholl's decision within Victorian Hospitals - A young unmarried mother to be punished as a criminal even though they were not guilty of a crime.

Unmarried mothers condemned by a member of our justice system **by being labeled a threat to society** – such condemnation flowing onto top obstetric doctors, flowing down to social workers, flowing down to nurses etc. etc. etc.

Unmarried mothers condemned by one man's decision (Q.C. for the referred Appeal was Dr (...)), of committing a crime and being a threat to Society when nobody could specify what or even adduce evidence that it really exists. Only personal opinion remains and making public judgments in a person's capacity as a Supreme Court Judge – degenerating the law into censorship and the issue of a phantom crime.

It must be remembered that it is not the State's responsibility to prohibit private citizens from choosing what they may or may not enjoy and there is no incontrovertible evidence that an unmarried mother giving birth to her baby would be injurious to society. **There is no such evidence.**

Also a complete absence of evidence to suggest that sex prior to marriage is illicit sex. From this time all unmarried natural mothers punished because they had had illicit sex.

"Illicit sex" illegal, unlawful, dishonest, criminal, against the law, prohibited, banned and forbidden. Nowhere in the Commonwealth Constitution or any other Commonwealth or State Legislations is it stated that consensual sexual intercourse between a man and woman was banned, forbidden and/or prohibited outside marriage or if they did it was a criminal act.

- Why then were not criminal charges brought against all unmarried natural mothers if they had committed a criminal act? Under the Crimes Act even today, **abduction** is a very serious crime. Mr. Justice Sholl, Supreme Court, should have been hearing all the abduction charges against the medical profession and all other parties who were co-conspirators in the abduction of new born infants.

Mr. Justice Sholl a member of our legal system and placed in a position of responsibility made up his own law with absolutely no legal or moral authority to do so or to over ride our Nation's Commonwealth Constitution nor disregard the Declaration of Human Rights – BUT HE DID and his decision BECAME an unspoken law.

Photo of Little Toes is included as a dedication to all those babies who were abducted illegally and unlawful from their natural mums in the segregation chamber in the period 1950-1970 and were placed in the holding room awaiting to be declared 'fit' or 'unfit' for adoption.

Toes to count

Rapid Adoptions

Some of these abductees are not placed behind the 'abductees holding place' as discovered by Maev O'Collins B.A. Dip. Soc. Stud. Social Worker, Catholic Family Bureau, Melbourne Victoria (Paper printed in Australian Journal of Social Work Vol 10 No. 1 February 1966). **Note: the natural mother's consent has not been taken at this point in time.**

> "*Our own research has uncovered the process of rapid adoption. This was a well favored (but **illegal)** variable adoption process greatly **promoted by the medical profession during the 50-60's** and possibly later. Perhaps we have uncovered the answer to the stillborn/adoption dilemma.*
>
> *I would like to bring to your attention to the commonly practiced variable on the usual adoption process called **rapid adoptions.** This variable was given quite some attention at the Preceding Seminar to proclaim the Adoption of Children Act on the **3rd February 1967** held in Sydney and attended by 314 professionals representing the Department of Health, the Department of Child Welfare, maternity hospitals, adoption agencies etc.*
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> ***Rapid adoption** was a process whereby a married woman with a history of miscarriage or having born a stillborn child and her husband (who were not intending to adopt) were given the **option of having their dead baby replaced with that of an alien child** who had been made available for adoption as a means of alleviating the grief of the married couple. This decision had to be made quickly and well before the mother was due to leave the hospital.*
>
> *The spokesperson for Obstetricians looked favorably upon this form of adoption as the mothers body was prepared for motherhood with the ability to breastfeed the alien child and it was considered that this was seen as the best form of adoption. Concerns arose at the Seminar that the introduction of the **1965 Adoption of Children Act** would eliminate this **favored procedure.***
>
> *The only concerns raised regarding rapid adoption at the 1967 Seminar was one psychiatrist who suggested that more studies be made into this procedure as it was his concern that such a **rapid placement** could impede the grieving process for the parents of the stillborn child. Nowhere in the Seminar papers does **anyone imply that such a procedure be discontinued nor is any reference to the legality of such a procedure alluded** to in The Adoption of Children Act 1965 or any prior Adoption Act."*

At that moment in time as described above, a young unmarried mother had not recovered from the treatment she had received in the segregation chamber nor had signed a consent form for a pending adoption. As previously pointed out, when mothers entered the labor ward, unmarried mothers to the left, married mothers to the right thus the creation of the segregation chamber.

An unmarried mother's body was also prepared for motherhood with the ability to breast feed her baby but the medical professionals injected the unmarried mother with drugs to stop lactation immediately after birth and injected further drugs to cause amnesia within the unmarried mother's mind to forget the birth and her baby. These were illegal and criminal actions. Natural mothers up until 1957 breast fed their babies – more on that later.

Note: At the above reference seminar – the 314 attendees were from Australia wide – thus the scheme of Rapid Adoptions uncovered Australia wide. These 314 attendees represented:

- *Department of Health, (each State)*
- *Department of Child Welfare(each State)*
- *maternity hospitals, (each State)*
- *adoption agencies etc (each State)*

all areas of the adoption industry around Australia present. ALL IN AGREEMENT WITH RAPID ADOPTIONS therefore if you are in agreement with one aspect of the illegal and unlawful codes it is suffice to say, you are bound to be in agreement of **all illegal and unlawful codes of adoption.** The separation of an unmarried natural mother from her baby **at birth undisputable confirmed without any reservation, (**hesitation, condition, stipulation).

Deficiencies in Care are in effect denials of a patient's rights to considerate and respectful care, but these deficiencies are minor when compared with **major deficiencies in care are those that seriously threaten a patient's well being.**

The above medical professionals are certainly guilty of **both deficiencies in care at their treatment of unmarried natural mothers and their babies.**

It becomes a fallacy (a misleading notion, erroneous belief and myth) that a patient can generally be rest assured that they would receive from **a medical person, any allied health worker, Government representatives of (Health and Child Welfare departments) and adoption social workers.** It is hoped that the fallacy no longer is practiced today.

(...) acted on behalf of adoptive parents and any contact that she had with any unmarried mother **was a conflict of interest** AND IF HER SIGNATURE SHOULD APPEAR ON ANY CONSENT FORMS for adoption – that is a clear violation of our Rule of Law. As there is a Statute of Limitations in the State of Victoria– such criminal actions cannot be prosecuted. These babies used in the rapid adoption illegal scheme are proof of THE TRUTH.

This moment must be seized and natural mothers believed and the inhumane treatment received by them acknowledged so they once again can release their own magnificent self within. **Right in front of** the noses of the Commonwealth and State politicians – a clear violation of the Commonwealth Constitution and a clear violation of the Declaration of Human Rights etc. etc. etc. etc. Social Worker representing the Catholic Church with a clear conscious allows such **rapid adoptions to be undertaken.**

The above evidence of the abduction of newborn babies from unmarried mothers for rapid adoptions in Victoria is in its own, sufficient for the Senate Committee to acknowledge the illegal and unlawful abduction unmarried mothers' and their babies endured in the segregation chamber. They themselves admit it was illegal.

No one present prepared to be bold with unshakeable, unconquerable and unbroken principles to stand up and demand the rapid illegal adoptions cease except *one psychiatrist who suggested that more studies be made into this procedure as it was his concern that such a* ***rapid placement*** *could impede the grieving process for the parents of the stillborn child. What about the natural mother's grieving process? This was 1967.*

Their silence is further evidence of the medical professions, nurses, social workers etc. knowingly and willingly committing illegal and unlawful crimes against the Commonwealth Constitution, the human rights of unmarried mothers and their babies**.**

NO MOTHER FORGETS THE BIRTH OF HER BABY especially when it WAS so brutal and the abduction of her baby she has had to live with for the remainder of her life.

Why would today's experts make statements that unmarried natural mothers would not remember the birth of their baby? Because these experts know about the drugs injected into an unmarried natural mother during the birth and many days later **so that the mother's mind DID NOT REMEMBER.**

How wrong were these intellectual (academic, scholar) medical professionals? Using the word academic as an adjective they should have been rational, brainy, clever, analytical, logical and cerebral thinkers and doers. They saw unmarried mothers as unintelligent, uneducated, illogical thinkers, dumb, poor – a class of people believing they were above all others. In God's eyes – all are equal and under the Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law **all are equal**.

Over the years many natural mothers have found the grief, pain and suffering too difficult to live with and while they had suffered a spiritually and emotional death at the time of the loss of their baby at birth, many have suffered a physical death also. R.I.P.

Over time the internalizing of emotions has caused many other natural mothers from ever marrying or having more children (secondary infertility). Many also finding it too difficult to have a successful marriage/relationship and those that did marry the grief, pain and suffering traveled with her each day – in many ways affecting her daily life and family. Her grief in many cases passed on to her other children and grandchildren becoming generational grief.

- **NATURAL MOTHERS DO REMEMBER** and many are not afraid today to stand and face the traumatic events they experienced nor afraid to stand and face those persons from the **segregation chamber** who **abducted** their babies and any other party who played a role once their babies were placed in the **abductees room** within the hospitals – FACE TO FACE.

Many natural mothers around Australia who experienced motherhood and were denied motherhood – stand united before the Commonwealth Senate Inquiry and its members as a symbol of truth.

Facultative Motherhood – without Offence to Moral Law

> **Every Woman's Right to Motherhood** a suggestion by Dr. Henry Waterman Swan 1918
>
> "*The story of humanity is the story of woman; its fate rests in the hollow of her withered little hand. If mankind is to stand fast against destiny itself it can only be behind her sheltering skirts. If Nature's bailiff is to be routed only she can do it – with her broom and bucket and pail of suds and her* ***motherhood****." (Dowell O'Reilly's Tears and Triumph").*

Decision of the Tribunal in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of Victoria No. 880345 28th November 1988 – Mr. John Galvin, Deputy President.

The respondents in the matter before the Tribunal were the Royal Women's Hospital and the Director-General of Community Services Victoria. An adopted adult was appealing a decision that did not allow her access to her natural mother's medical files at the time of her birth.

- Under records to and of an adoption – the mother and baby's medical files remain **personal affairs of the natural mother.** A mother's records include pre natal, birth and post natal experience records. Nobody but the mother has the right to access her medical records – not even the 'adult' child. That also includes any information held within those medical files about the baby.

An adult applied to the Tribunal for access to information on her natural mother's medical records. The following are extracts for Mr. John Galvin's decision:

> The details on a medical record are undeniably personal affairs of that person, in his or capacity as the parent of another.
>
> ***Extremely Important.*** *An unmarried mother's medical records are not part* ***of the records of (preposition) adoption*** *but are* ***records relating to an adoption.*** *In the case of new born babies abducted from their mother in the segregation chamber for adoption, the mother's medical records are records* ***to an adoption****. Before any adoption of new born babies can commence there has to be medical records re birthing thus a mother's medical record* ***is records to an adoption****.*

- Records relating to an adoption – are records which have reference to or stand in relation to an adoption i.e. medical records, birth certificate. It can be said that records relating to the negotiation or arrangement of an adoption are records to an adoption and later become records of an adoption. Mother's consent is records relating to an adoption but later becomes a record of an adoption.
- A mother and her baby's medical file are **not records to an adoption**. The baby's nursery records are records relating to an adoption and are not records of an adoption.
- Records relating of an adoption – Therefore the birth certificate relate to the adoption then it becomes a record of an adoption.

Dr Clive Wellington the Director of Medical Services at the Royal Women's Hospital gave evidence that hospital records are regarded within hospitals as **highly confidential** and that there is an expectation by the public that it is so. He stated that such perception of records was in keeping with guidelines which have been issued by the Australian

Council of Hospital Standards which apply generally and also in keeping with similar guidelines published by the Victorian Department of Health.

Note: The hospital medical professionals and other parties involved in the illegal and unlawful separation of mother and baby violated the guidelines issued by the Australian Council of Hospital Standards and by the Victorian Department of Health which was and still is part of the Victorian State Parliament. Violation of our Nation's Constitution and the human rights of all unmarried mothers and their babies.

Motherhood already commenced

with the bond between mother and baby well established.

Unconditional 

"It is essential that you observe the utmost discretion with regard to your duties. Patients' affairs of any kind are not to be discussed nor are any records of information to be improperly disclosed within or outside the Hospital. You should not even mention the names of patients you have seen or dealt with at the Hospital. A breach of trust in this regard will be reviewed most seriously and could lead to dismissal. Under no circumstances may any unauthorised statement be made to the press, radio or television."

He also produced a Medical Record Department Staff guideline of the respondent hospital in relation to confidentiality (Exhibit R 2) which is in the following terms:-

"THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL
MEDICAL RECORD DEPARTMENT

CONFIDENTIALITY

The unit record folder is part of a doctor-patient relationship, and is considered a confidential document. All employees working in the Medical Records Department are responsible for assuring that no unauthorized person takes any of these records out of the files, reads, copies or otherwise tampers with them. Some people are authorized to obtain information from the record, and medical record personnel should be ready to make it available to them.

Guidelines to be followed:-

(i) External/Outside Requests (by phone or in person)

No information should be given to any outside person concerning a patient's illness, not even the husband without the written consent of the patient.
All of these calls should be transferred to Medical Administration, to be dealt with. After hours calls should be referred to the Supervisory Nurse on duty.

(ii) Internal Hospital Requests

Request forms for records must be complete. Check requestor's hospital identification badge. It is important that the request is legitimate, and information should not be disclosed for general enquiry purposes. (In the case of uncertainty, the advice of a Medical Record Administrator should be sought).

*The above is the actual page from the Decision of the Tribunal Page 24 it is important to remember that if information from a record is disclosed without THE CONSENT OF THE PATIENT the patient may have the right to sue the hospital claiming damages. (***Decision of the Tribunal in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of Victoria No. 880345 28th November 1988 – Mr. John Galvin, Deputy President – Page 25)**

(...) *told the Tribunal that breaches of confidentiality would be treated seriously and that there were additional factors in the case of a women's hospital militating for confidentiality. In particular he referred to the sensitive nature of discussions examinations and tests carried out at such a hospital and he emphasized the need for patient confidence that information be not disclosed* ***without consent****.*

(...) *who, at the time of the applicant's birth was an honorary obstetric surgeon at the Royal Women's Hospital confirmed to the Tribunal that attitudes in the Royal Women's Hospital as to confidentiality were no less stringent in 1956.*

(...) *told the Tribunal that if it became generally known to prospective patients that information about them might be released to others there would be a resultant harm done to the doctor/patient relationship in that the patient would not tell the doctor anything he did not want divulged. He said that frankness in the patient is necessary for the provision of proper medical treatment. He stated that in some circumstances the provision of a name and address could have disastrous consequences and by way of illustration he cited the situation where the person whose name and address were sought, may, upon giving birth to a child which was later adopted have subsequently remarried without the spouse knowing of the existence of the adopted child.*

Comprehending these official written words is enlightening but internalized emotions rise up raising many questions. **The Commonwealth Constitution has been broken together with every law of our great Nation in separating an unmarried natural mother and her baby in the segregation chamber. All information within a mother's medical file is CONFIDENTIAL** and they did not have the CONSENT OF THE PATIENT (mother) to separate her and her baby nor to give details of the mother's personal affairs TO ANYBODY. It is mind shattering when focus is placed on putting submissions together of the crimes that were committed and further mind shattering 'that you were one of their bags of trash that was thrown out into the inferno'.

Mr. John Galvin's decision would have 'thrown the cats amongst the pigeons" .

Section 92a of the Hospitals and Charities Act of the State of Victoria constitutes

he respondent maintains that s 92A of the Hospitals and harities Act of the State of Victoria constitutes an nactment of the kind contemplated by s 38. Section 92A is s follows:-

92A.(1) Subject to this section a person referred to in sub-section (2) shall not either directly or indirectly except in the performance of a duty under or in connexion with this Act, the Hospitals and Charities Act 1958, the Health Act 1958, the Motor Car Act 1958, the Motor Accidents Act 1973 the Cancer Act 1958 or any other prescribed Act, make a record of or divulge or communicate to any person any information concerning a person who is or has been a patient in a hospital or private hospital without the prior consent of that last-mentioned person.

(2) The persons to whom sub-section (1) refers are-

(a) the committee of management of a hospital or private hospital;
(b) the Board of Directors of a hospital or private hospital;
(c) the governing body of a hospital or private hospital;
(d) a member of a committee of management, Board of Directors or governing body of a hospital or private hospital;
(e) a person who is the proprietor owner occupier or person having the management or control of a hospital or private hospital; and
(f) a person employed by or in a hospital or private hospital.

(3) Sub-section (1) does not prevent a person referred to in sub-section (2)--
(a) communicating information in general terms concerning the condition of a person who is a patient in a hospital or private hospital;
(b) communicating information concerning a patient in a hospital or private hospital where the person communicating the information is a member of the medical staff of the hospital or private hospital and the information is communicated to the next of kin or other near relative of the

patient in accordance with the recognized customs of medical practice;

(c) communicating information required in connexion with the further treatment of a patient in a hospital or private hospital;

(d) communicating information required by the Commonwealth statistician if the information is furnished to the statistician in pursuance of the Census and Statistics Act 1905-1966 of the Commonwealth of Australia;

(e) communicating information to a person to whom in the opinion of the Minister it is in the public interest that the information be communicated.

(4) Nothing in sub-section (1) prohibits the use or disclosure of information concerning a person's condition or treatment for the purposes of the advancement of medical knowledge or research but where a disclosure is made of such information the use or disclosure of that information shall not include the name or identity of the person to whom it relates.

"(4A) Nothing in this section requires the disclosure to the Chief General Manager of information relating to the condition or medical history of a person who is or has been a patient in a hospital.

(4B) This section shall not derogate from-

(a) any other section of this Act or any other Act; or

(b) any regulation made under this Act or any other Act-

which requires that information relating to a person or class of persons who are or have been patients in a hospital or private hospital be disclosed."

(5) Nothing in this section affects the provisions of the Evidence Act 1958 or other enactment or rule of law relating to evidence in criminal proceedings.

(extract from (Decision of the Tribunal in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of Victoria No. 880345 28th November 1988 – Mr. John Galvin, Deputy President – pages 30 and 31)

Mr. Galvin's decision stated:

> **"Section 92A Hospital and Charities Act of the State of Victoria constitutes a clear prohibition against divulging or communicating information."**

Note: **Members of the** medical profession HAD NO LEGAL OR LAWFUL RIGHT to separate mother and baby because the information about the birth of the baby belonged to the PERSONAL AFFAIRS OF THE MOTHER within her medical records. (Later in submission evidence will be presented proving that the Chairman of the Hospitals and Charities Commission contravened the Hospital and Charities Act himself in 1958 with his written endorsement following discussions with the Almoners of the Queen Victoria Hospital and the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne allowing **the separation of mother and baby at birth to become a modern day policy. It must remember that changes commenced when Gordon and Gotch were found guilty in 1958 under the Police Act (Obscenity Clause) and then lost their appeal in 1959.**

Reference: News Corporation Ltd. V National Companies and Securities Commission 52 A.L.R. 277 (at 281) Bowen C.J. and Fisher J said:

> *"The crucial question is as to the kind of information which it is necessary for the document to contain before it can be elevated to the class of exempt documents".*

In the case the prohibition is directed at

> '*information concerning a person who is or has been a patient in a hospital or private hospital".*

Mr. Galvin further stated (page 33)

> *"that Section 92A in the absence of the* ***consent*** *required by the section, a hospital is prohibited from providing to any person information of the kind sought in that it is clearly information concerning a person who has been a patient of the hospital. I consider it to have been the case* ***that both mother and child were in fact patients of the hospital.****"*
>
> *"It is exempt because it is information* ***"concerning" the baby in that it is*** *information about the baby's mother".*

Mr. Galvin in his decision further stated:

> *"None of the documents (mother's medical records) and no part of them is an adoption record."*

He further went on to state regarding a mother's medical records

> *"I am obliged by the evidence to accept that there is a substantial public interest in **confidentiality** and in the serious likely consequences of disregard for it especially touching the proper administration of hospitals and the preservation and cultivation of a healthy and productive doctor/patient relationship".*

Note: In other words the doctor/patient confidential relationship is sacred and **doctors had no legal right to separate mother and baby in the segregation chamber as the baby is part of the mother's records.**

He further stated as he summed up his decision for no access to a mother's medical records:

> *"Confidentiality is an issue of the utmost public interest and has not ceased to be so merely because some legislation has come into being providing for access. (He is referring to the Freedom of Information Act) As has been shown, that every legislation has a carefully constructed set of protective measures aim at acknowledging and respecting confidentiality. I consider that public interest in maintaining a proper regard for confidentiality outweighs the various heads of public interest, it is not conceivable that the result would require the Tribunal to exercise its discretion in favor of access".*

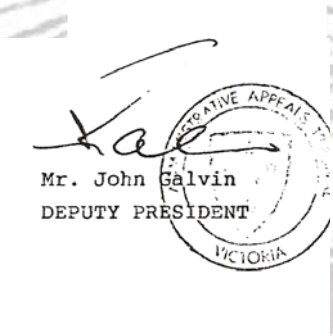
Mr. Galvin's decision endorsed that a mother's medical records were also those of her baby and **nobody had any rights to disclose, divulge or communication any of the contents of a mother's medical records to another party. The adult person therefore was denied access to her natural mother's medical records that contained information about the adult person's birth.**

This decision and lengthy evidence cannot be ignored by the Senate Inquiry as it is a clear decision and evidence that a mother and her baby's human rights were violated and that the violation of the confidentiality relationship between an unmarried natural mother and doctor was a serious indictment (condemnation) of the practices carried out by the medical profession. Mr. Galvin's decision attributes of all unmarried natural mothers' stories placed before the Senate Inquiry detailing their separations from their babies at birth.

As previously mentioned

"It is exempt because it is information ***"concerning" the baby in that it is*** *information about the baby's mother".*

To complete this part of the submission – Mr. John Galvin's signature appearing on Case No 880345 – sealing his decision on 28th November 1988 – is included and in doing so some 22 years later I salute Mr. Galvin and express natural mothers' deepest gratitude for his valuable decision. ↓



Note: Page 25 – It is important to remember that if information from a record is disclosed without the **consent of the patient** the patient may have the right to sue the hospital claiming damages. The treatment received by an unmarried mother and her baby by all parties completely contravened the Sovereignty (dominion, rule, power, control) rights of mothers and babies under the Commonwealth Constitution and Rule of Law in our Nation and is an indictment (condemnation, denunciation) on all involved.

NATURAL MOTHERS MEDICAL RECORDS

These records were confidential – patient confidentiality – by doctors under their own ethical oath. A natural mother's patient records included records of the birth of her baby, details of the confinement and the medical treatment of both mother and baby in the days following the birth.

The eleven Health Privacy Principles based on various privacy principles that apply in Australia and other countries are designed to provide **privacy protection, promote consumer autonomy, effective service delivery, continued improvement of health services and protection.** They cover collection, use, disclosure, quality, security and disposal of information and the contravention of the Health Privacy Principles are

"an interference with the privacy of an individual".

The following is extremely important reading (a little lengthy) for each

Committee member as it gives a legal interpretation on the Confidentiality law that Hospitals are bound by and further it gives evidence of the many breaches of the law that have occurred with the disclosure of information from a mother's medical records.

If they had of abided by all laws of this country so many mothers and their babies would have shared a life together.

Destruction of unmarried natural mothers' medical records

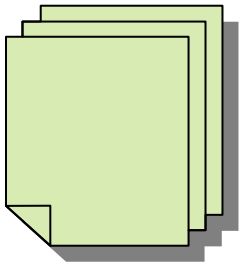
The Victorian Government following receipt of the commissioned Adoption Legislation Review Committee's report on 10 March 1983 (commissioned August 1978)

> *"this report is about adoption – not adoption as we have known it in the past, but the directions we feel adoption should take in the future. But more than just 'adoption' the report is about children's need for families. Our overwhelming concern is that children should know the security and love of continuing family life."*

Following this report the 1984 Adoption Act was enacted. A General Disposal Schedule for Public Hospital's Patient Information followed jointly introduced to Parliament by the Public Records keeper and the Department of Human Services, Victorian Government. This new General Disposal Schedule allowed **hospitals to destroy the majority of unmarried natural mothers' medical files in Victoria prior to that date that were still held in hospital archives following the enactment of the 1984 Adoption Act. For the first time, SOCIAL WORKERS records were listed as being included in the Disposal Schedule of Records.**

If an unmarried natural mother had of been more aware of her rights prior to the 1984 Adoption Act, many would have obtained their own medical records. These medical records display the amount of drugs that were administered to the mother, during and thereafter the birth of her baby. These files also included the "Infant Report" that doctors supplied immediately after his assessment of a baby, notating "baby is fit for adoption and the date that the doctor made this assessment".

The "Infant Report" (part of the mother's medical records) showed what date the baby was discharged from hospital and to whom the baby was given. (Reference John Galvin's decision 28th November 1988).



Mother and Baby's Medical Records

We can only assume that Mr. Galvin's informative decision highlighting the breach of confidentiality between patient/doctor may have contributed to the decision of the Victorian Government to even more quickly destroy past unmarried mother's medical records including the **Infant Report**. These medical records displayed clear evidence of what took place. Destroying these records following the enactment of the 1984 Adoption Act where identifying information was approved, is not coincidental (accidental, chance, totally unplanned or unintentional).

Social Workers notes were also part of the mother's medical records – and yes you guessed it – they were included for the first time in the new General Disposal of Records legislation **after the enactment of the 1984 adoption act to be destroyed** at the same time as the mother's medical records. They were also important records leading up to an adoption.

The correspondence and details of the mass culling of these medical records from 1985 onwards are available on file at the Public Records Office of Victoria.

CONFIDENTIALITY

I would like to touch on 'confidentiality between doctor and patient' once more. Confidentiality is an ancient tradition in Medicine. The Hippocratic Oath spells this out

> *"Whatsoever I shall see or hear in the course of my profession … if it be what should not be published abroad, I will never divulge holding such things to be holy records".*

A patient can generally be guaranteed that information given *to be doctor will not be disclosed. There are exception to the confidentiality rule – if a patient is an airline pilot and advises his doctor he is suffering blackouts then the doctor has not only a legal obligation but a moral obligation to advise his patient that unless he stands himself down from flying, he (his doctor) will advise his employer.*

Hospital charts are often discussed among doctors and nurses, although strong hospital traditions DEMAND that the details of a patient's care cannot be discussed with anyone – only those on the health care team.

Social Workers were not and have never been a member of the health care team.

Who invited the social worker into the lives of Unmarried natural mothers and their babies? No mother signed an informed consent allowing such

An intrusion by a social worker into her life.

HOSPITAL AND CHARITIES COMMISSION

The Chairman of Hospital and Charities Commission Dr. (...) received a deputation on 13 May 1958 from the Presbyterian Sisterhood Home for Unmarried mothers and their babies (including three Ministers of Religion) to express their grave concerns at the **hospital policy changes towards unmarried mothers and their infants.**

The creed of the Presbyterian Sisterhood was

> "*The young womanhood of a nation is like the precious pearl something beyond price. Its value passes the worth of silver or gold. Like the pearl of great price, it can, at the hands of the careless, suffer irreparable injury".* Their creed certainly had Pearls of Vision.

Re-reading the Presbyterian Sisterhood creed brings tears to a natural mother's eyes and their words have come back to haunt those that did not listen to their grave concerns at the hospital policy changes towards unmarried mothers and their infants. Repeating their words

> *"Like the pearl of great price, it can, at the hands of the careless, suffer irreparable injury."* No truer words were spoken and today still ring out these wonderful people's grave concerns which became reality .

It is that irreparable injury that the Senate Committee is investigated - predicted by these wonderful people from the Presbyterian Sisterhood on 13 May 1958 when their grave concerns were **ignored.**

It was further stated in their complaint

> *"that mothers had been stopped from breast feeding their babies whilst in hospital immediately after birth which was unacceptable to the Presbyterian Sisterhood and that mothers were denied the choose of returning to the home where they had resided during their pregnancy."*

The deputation raised their grave concerns and the Chairman advised that he would investigate the matter.

Dr. (...) made contacted with the Social Workers at the Queen Victoria Hospital and the Royal Women's Hospital to discuss the Presbyterian Sisterhood deputation's grave concerns.

In the memorandum dated 22nd May 1958 (public document) it was stated that:

> *Miss (...) (RWH Almoner) stated that she had no preference in regard to Homes and considered that they were all good **now that their policies had been***

altered in accordance with a broader modern outlook in the matter of unmarried motherhood".

This memorandum also stated

"I also consulted the Senior Almoner ((...) Queen Victoria Hospital who gave similar advice and opinions to those given above by Miss Strahan and their procedures were essentially the same. She too, disapproved of breast feeding by unmarried mothers but considered restrictions desirable."

At the conclusion of the memorandum

"*It is suggested that the deputation from the Presbyterian Sisterhood be informed that their allegations have been thoroughly investigated and fortunately, considered to be unfounded.*

In addition, it is suggested that their proposals for alteration of policy, listed in para. 3 of enclosure 1 are concurred in as being more in line with modern medical opinion on this subject."

Most matrons up until 1957 took care of unmarried mothers prior to confinement and short periods therefore, and they were also forced to concur with Miss (...) and Mrs. (...) s actions.

"*that unmarried mothers were to be treated more in line with modern medical opinion on this subject.*"

Matrons and other workers had no choice who worked in places that provided accommodation for unmarried mothers prior to their confinement but to agree with Miss (...) and Mrs. (...) 's actions enabled their own institutions to remain operational.

Funding for the institutions including the Presbyterian Sisterhood was provided by the Hospital and Charities Commission.

"*Certain restriction on movement of the mothers was also imposed at this time, but in some homes, mothers were permitted to leave on one day a week if accompanied by relatives or friends. A policy was also imposed on breast-feeding but Mrs.* (...) *(commenced working at the Queen Victoria Hospital in the 1940's) considered the ban on smoking as rather severe." (from a public document).*

Note: Unmarried mothers were no longer allowed to **leave the place where they resided during their pregnancy** – only one day a week – these institutions becoming 'prisons' for 6 days per week – no longer allowed out in Society – the punishment commencing from the day of their arrival. **How barbaric were these changes**?

Note: I am sure that these notes under the Hospitals and Charities Commission will enlighten the members of the Senate Committee as to the conditions unmarried mothers were placed in and why they were – **as a result of Mr. Justice Sholl's decision as outlined above.**

This memorandum is dated and signed by Dr. (...) Medical Officer, Hospital and Charities Commission on 22 May 1958.

> *"proposals for alteration of policy are concurred in as being more in line with modern medical opinion of this subject."*

Dr (...) , Chairman of Hospital and Charities Commission in his own handwriting says

"I agree".

and requested Dr. (...) *to contact the Presbyterian Sisterhood of the decision."*

In Dr (...) handwriting he states

"I agree".

Some 52 years later their handwritten notes assists in unfolding the truth of why unmarried natural mothers and their babies from 1958 to early 1970's endured such inhumane treatment.

The decisions of Dr. (...) and Dr. (...) totally contravened the Commonwealth Constitution and the Rule of Law of our Nation. It may have been in line with Mr. Justice Sholl's court decision – but the Commonwealth Government had the power to override that court decision BUT THEY DIDN'T thus their role in the inhumane treatment unmarried natural mothers and babies confirmed.

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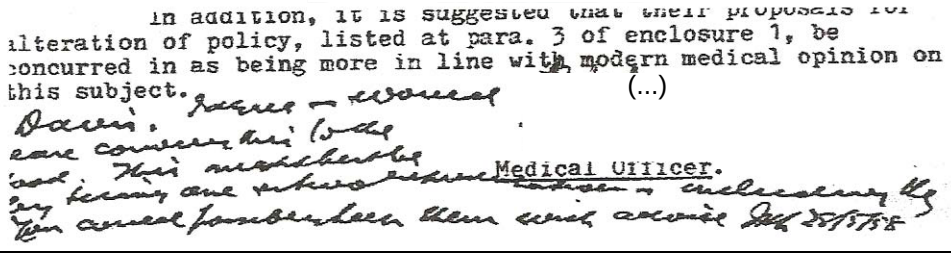

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(...)

Medical Officer.

HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES COMMISSION – VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT – FUNDING OF INSTITUTIONS.

Government funding via the above Commission was given to **all** baby's homes and homes that housed unmarried natural mothers. Each home also received allowances payable from the Commonwealth Government for each resident in accordance to the Commonwealth Social Security Benefits Act.

It is **important** to understand that the amount of Government funding allocated to these institutions that housed unmarried mother and their babies – could have been allocated for **natural mothers** giving them the opportunity to be assisted by the Victorian Government in rearing their babies. Funding was received for new motor vehicles for social workers to run around in and dozens of other incidental costs.

It appears that all these institutions operated firstly for the dollar and their assets and upon closure of all these premises (after the Government had funded $1m+) did the Victorian State Government receive their funding back that had been allocated (Grants) to help maintain these buildings with new additions onto the premise/s? What happened to these institutions once they closed down?

St. Joseph's Babies Home – Broadmeadows – was acquired by the Catholic Church and turned into an 'up to date' Catholic Secondary College.

A letter dated 23 July 1964 to the Secretary of the Hospitals and Charities Commission of Victoria from Sister (...) – (...) at St Joseph's Babies Home is **disturbing.**

In this letter Sister is applying for urgent funds to purchase 20 new Stainless Steel Cots

> "*Owing to the large increase in the numbers of illegitimate babies now being left in our care for adoption,* (as confirm by CFWB Social worker) *we are finding it necessary to open an additional nursery for tiny infants. Those babies who are suitable and available for adoption* ***must be kept here for at least six weeks until the mother's consent becomes irrevocable. Our overall number will remain much the same, but the little ones are definitely becoming much younger".***

- Note: (...) On the bottom of 23 July 1964 letter the handwritten notes to Dr. (one of the persons involved in the memorandum changing to

modern medical opinion of unmarried natural mothers) is asked by the Chairman

- "Dr (...) – *does this (contents of letter) conflict in any way with your report of 13 June 1963. If not I will prepare a minute sheet: His reply*
- ***No but please note report of 16 July 1964 passed herewith for your information".***

- ***Reply in handwriting***

"*Noted – this supports need to keep babies longer". The 13 June, 1963 and 16 July 1964 reports are no longer on public file VPRS4523 file 3/37 – they have disappeared from the public files. Both of these reports would confirm information about the revocable period under the 1964 Adoption Act. Other files have been extensively searched but the reports have not been found (yet).*

Such funding is in no doubt, the Victorian Government's approval of what was taking place. It is Dr. (...) who met with hospital/institution workers and in his own handwriting on the bottom of a previously quoted letter – endorses the separation of mother and baby at birth. So if you support something you had better make sure it receives sufficient funds to enable it to stay in operation!!!!!!!!!!!!

All correspondence relating to the stainless cribs including the minute sheet, advice to Sister (...) her letter forwarding invoices for cribs and Hospitals and Charities Commission's other relevant correspondence with Sister (...) BUT TWO REPORTS MISSING.

Reasons why this letter is disturbing is because it

- Clearly states **that babies must be kept for at least six weeks until the mother's consent becomes irrevocable.** Natural mothers would never have known that their baby was lying, unloved and uncuddled for 6 weeks – the consent form stated 30 days – 4 weeks. The babies' home did not receive the babies (as per notes above) from the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau until after consent was signed thus only 30 days – 4 weeks was the maximum time a mother had to revoke her consent – and this letter states otherwise.
- To revoke consent notice needed to be given prior to the 30 days and if the withdrawal of consent was undertaken on the 29 day – and 7 days was needed for it to be legally put into place – that entailed 36 days (5 weeks) the discrepancy in the time the baby was left lying in a cold stainless steel crib – is scandalous.

The funding requested was for 35 pounds and four shillings for each crib, four pounds each for the rubber mattresses and mackintosh covers to fit them. The total cost was 785 pounds.

For a natural mother to read this request is heart wrenching – a new crib possibly for her own baby – her baby she would have taken care of herself – if she had not had her baby abducted at birth.

The Victorian Government could have given 20 mothers each – 35 pounds and four shillings to purchase a new crib for her own baby!!! It does not all make sense.

This letter also stated that they had received various complaints from the Victorian Nursing Council, requiring alterations and additions to our nurseries and Nurses' Home.

Mothercraft nurses demanding better facilities – babies needed for them to carry out their Government funded training – and unmarried natural mothers separated illegally and unlawfully from their babies that are being used for this Victorian Government Funded Training Program – which the Government ceased in early 1970's. It all does not make any sense when unmarried natural mothers could have received a large proportion of all these funds to assist them and their baby.

All babies' homes were the ground-base for the Mothercraft Training Program and all places received similar Government funding.

Extremely high amounts of funding during the period 21.10.1965 and 25.5.1967 (as an example) at a time when adoptions were high, was allocated to St. Joseph's Babies Home. Estimate of funding $104,852.30 in that period of time and that does take into account Government Maintenance Funding they were receiving or any other monies i.e. child endowment fees etc.

Such funding should have been contributed to the care and well being of a mother and her infant to stop the **separation of mother and baby at birth**.

Letter dated 4 July 1971 from Sister (...) to Hospitals and Charities Commission requesting further funding for the sewer connection – total cost of project $120,000.

Very important comments on the bottom of this letter (made by Mr. Cremean, Acting Commissioner Hospitals and Charities Commission) states that the Hospital and Charities Commission were already in discussions regarding a process of withdrawing funding from existing buildings currently occupied by unmarried mothers

The Hospitals and Charities Commission ceased funding **all** institutions from the commencement of 1970's and the majority were closed by 1976.

All the monies given by the Victorian Government throughout the 1950-1980 periods gives clear indication that they were supporting the separation of mother and child. They were funding the premises that temporarily housed most of the babies before adoption. Why not too? It was a Judge in their own Law Court who put the system into motion and his decision had to be supported didn't it?!!!!!!!

It can be confidently stated that the reason why the *system of the abduction of babies from natural mothers ceased* was because these Babies' Homes previously involved through Government funding, to assist the Mothercraft Nursing Training Programs (funded and closed down by the Victorian Government) all faced withdrawal of Government Funding.

It is impossible to precise down the findings held within all files covering **all mother and babies homes** and collate them for the attention of the Commonwealth Senate Committee for evidence.

ALL FILES RELATING TO VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO ALL INSTITUTIONS ARE HELD at the Public Records Office of Victoria in VPRS 4523/P2 with each home covered under their own Unit No.

The deliberate acts of corruption by removing a baby from her natural mother at birth responsible under Federal Law

THE RULE OF LAW

(a coherent, rational and relevant philosophy)

Main reference used - **The Honorable Malcolm Fraser AC CH "The Rule of Law" 1978 Sir Robert Menzies Lecture**

The words of two former Prime Minister's of this Nation are clear, concise and give no misrepresentation to the meaning of the *'rule of law'* in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"*One of its basic credos – the credo that guided The Honorable Sir Robert Menzies from his earliest years, the credo to which he returned time and time again – is the Rule of Law and justice under law".*

- The Honorable Sir Robert Menzies, (deceased) and
- The Right Honorable Malcolm Frazer, AC.CH (Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia 1975 – 1983)

Both of these gentlemen's qualifications are regarded as 'expert qualifications' especially under the definition of Rule of Law.

For a Prime Minister such as the Hon. Robert Menzies to be so protective of the **Rule of Law** and for a minority of authoritarians to impose their illegal and unlawful treatment on unmarried natural mothers and their babies around Australia during his reign as Prime Minister, is very difficult to comprehend and tie the two together.

As with all the great institutions of a liberal democracy the freedom that is offered will on occasions by abused by a minority of authoritarians - authoritarians who seek to impose their views on others not by the weight of argument, but by disruption, by violence and by denying the freedom of others to speak.

The Honorable Sir Robert Menzies' definition of the Rule of Law outlined in his Bowen Prize Essay in 1917 his final year as a law student is well documented. On becoming Prime Minister of Australia he continued to define the relationship between the **Rule of Law** and **freedom** throughout his career. His clear definition -

> *"The security provided by the Rule of Law – not such security as your opponents being in a majority may concede you; it is not something precariously dependent on the whim of a mob; it is that security to which a man may confidently and calmly appeal even through every man's band may be against him; the Law's greatest beliefs are for the minority man – the individual."*

Note: At this point, those that separated mother and baby at birth clearly broke this Nation's Rule of Law – thus the Commonwealth of Australia must accept these breaches under *"the removal of babies from natural mothers at birth".*

The doctrine of the **Rule of Law** came into existence since the Dicey as the Rule of Law. It received its first expression in the historic document we know as the **Magna Carta in 1215** which remains part of the law of Australia to this day.

So fundamental is this document that it is worth recalling the words of two memorable passages from it:

> *"No man shall be taken, disseized, outlawed, banished or in any way destroyed, nor till we proceed against him or prosecute him, except by the lawful judgment of his peers and by the law of the land", and to none will we sell, to no one will we delay or deny right or justice."*

The Rule of Law, in which justice is impartially administered and enforced, is an essential pre-requisite for individual freedom.

Without it, there is license only for the power for few to impose their will on the many.

Note: This evidence is indisputable (unquestionable, indubitable) and for unmarried natural mothers and their babies to be denied the **Rule of Law** by the Commonwealth Governments, State Governments and authoritarian administrators of Government Departments and hospitals and administrators of the adoption act is far too difficult to comprehend even for a highly intellectual person as the writer (an unmarried natural mother).

> **"*Without the Rule of Law there is license only for the power for few to impose their will on the many*". *Our freedom can only be real if we are protected by the law from others violating our liberty*". (The Honorable Malcolm Fraser AC CH "The Rule of Law" 1978 Sir Robert Menzies Lecture page 5)**

Note: No truer words have been spoken to sum up the removal of newborn babies from unmarried mothers.

> *"The law imposes certain restraints and obligations on each of us for the enhancement of the liberty of our fellow members of society and of ourselves.*
>
> *It is the protection which the **law** affords us, both from our neighbors and our rulers, that enables the very best features of our open society to flourish.* ***The Rule of Law confers freedom – it does not diminish it".***

The words of Magna Carta have ruled the life of our society. It is still the distinctive mark of our system that cousin may interrupt the business of the court with the words:

> ***"You're Honor; I have a matter involving the liberty of the subject".***

The **Rule of Law** can be summed up in the twin principles of

- Due process
- Equal protection

That has formed some of the greatest advances in human rights.

In the history of our great Nation, **the Rule of Law** has faced stern challenges during the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Sir Robert Menzies also defined the relationship between the **Rule of Law and freedom** in a memorable passage in one of his wartime radio talks.

As a doctrine, the **Rule of Law** is of course, anathema to the traditional enemies of democracy. To all those that did not give protection to unmarried mothers and their babies during the 1950-1970 eras certainly were "anathema" to the **Rule of Law**. In other words showed

- Disgust
- Revulsion

- Dislike
- Abhorrence

The disgust, repulsion, distaste, dislike, have an aversion to, find objectionable, look down on, disparage, pour scorn on, sneer at, criticize, vilify, speak ill of, pull to pieces, slander, denigrate etc. etc. etc. that was shown towards the Rule of Law by all those responsible for the separation of mother and baby at birth clearly displayed the same actions towards the Rule of Law of our great Nation.

Unmarried natural mothers and their babies should have been protected by the Commonwealth **omnipotence** Government and the **Rule of Law but** it can only be said that during a very dark period of our Nation's history 1950-1970 eras unmarried natural mothers and their babies were under further threat by a Commonwealth government's **impotence**.

Those responsible for the inhumane treatment of unmarried natural mothers and their babies with their grotesque aestheticism cannot be exempted by a 19th century French anarchist, who asked

"*Of what importance are the victims when the gesture is so beautiful*"?

It will be through the eyes of the **Commonwealth Senate Committee members** who are willing to see the **truth and reality** as it was and not as society would like it to be, will recognize that the history of our own society is not free of **violent acts.**

Commonwealth and State Governments between 1950-1970's allowed this dark

period of our Nation's history to be formulated by those that ignored **the Rule of Law**, Commonwealth Constitution and their own responsibilities to their electorates.

They had (and Governments still have) to fully perform the duty it owes to citizens to protect their lives and at the same time **all** Governments must respond with conscious.

An action of corruption is a dishonest and fraudulent act that includes inducement, enticement, subornment and bribery. Such actions from 1957 were inflicted upon innocent unmarried natural mothers and their babies not only in the State of Victoria, but throughout Australia.

This corruption saw the Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law as

repugnant, objectionable, repulsive, detestable, distasteful, and disgusting but the present Commonwealth Senate Inquiry into the removal of babies at birth from unmarried natural mothers will once again elevate our history to be finally **acknowledged** and believed by an **omnipotence** Government.

Whilst the inquiry is not about *'blame and shame'* it is about '*injustices'* that were inflicted upon natural mothers and their babies.

The fraudulent acts (deceitful, counterfeit, and falsified) will be unveiled as the erroneous, baseless, inaccurate, fallacious and unfounded will be unveiled.

Unmarried natural mothers and their babies were illegally, illegitimately, criminally and unlawfully separated at birth without permission, approval, sanction, concurrence and acquiesce. In other words no person associated with the Allied health industry or members of a hospital's management board had in their hand a legal, legitimate, lawful consent document signed by a young unmarried mother approving the abduction of her baby.

INDISPUTABLE AND UNDENIABLE FACTS

First and foremost indisputable fact is that a young unmarried natural mother entered either a private or public hospital with all the natural signs that her baby's entrance into world was not too far away. Her body overwhelmed with contractions (extreme pain) and for the reader who may have given birth themselves will understand.

For a male reader, they may have witnessed such a time prior to the delivery of their own child, can only imagine such pain.

- All mothers-to-be enter the labor ward (a place where modesty is left outside the door) experiencing fear, excitement, joy and fear again. Upon the final arrival of her newborn the adulation (adoration, reverence, exaltation) felt by all mothers at that very moment can never be explained unless experienced.

- These are the emotions that a married mother was allowed to experience but an unmarried mother was stripped of them. An unmarried mother was greeted with abomination, abhorrence, repugnance, revulsion, detestation and antipathy.

The opposition and antagonism to her pregnancy culminated at that very moment, terminating her rights to motherhood and also at that very moment her baby had his/her natural mother exterminated from their life forever. The newborn baby's mother **no longer existed.**

This was no momentary failure (blunder, error, slip-up, lapse of memory, error) on the part of the midwives and doctors involved in the safe delivery of the newborn – it was a cold, calculating, scheming, manipulative, devious, shrewd, conniving, cunning and controlling action. A further irrefutable fact is that further words could be added to describe their actions but in order to meet the Inquiry's requirements – contributing the former words should be satisfactory.

UNCONTESTABLE FACT

The treatment unmarried natural mothers received once they left the 'torture chamber' undoubtedly IS included in other submissions before the Inquiry – therefore it will not be covered in this submission.

There is no inference that the 'treatment after birth' is insignificant – in the contrary – such treatment is unarguable, incontestable and beyond doubt.

CORRUPTION ACTS

It is now important to reflect on **Federal and State Laws** that not only those that conspired to the above illegal actions but also those that continued the corruption until the abducted baby was placed into '*arms of two total strangers'.*

No party to the corruption can raise ignorance as an excuse for their actions because ignorance is not an acceptable reason under the Commonwealth and State Laws.

MAINTENANCE CUSTODY AND ADOPTION LAW comprising Maintenance, Custody and Adoption under the Maintenance Act 1965 of Victoria, Marriage Act 1958 of Victoria and Adoption of Children Act 1964 of Victoria and Maintenance and Custody under the Commonwealth Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1966 by **J.P. Bourke**, Q.C., M.A., LL.B. Member of the bars of Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania, former Deputy Judge of the County Court of Victoria, Chairman of the Court of General sessions and Deputy Chairman of the Licensing Court of Victoria and **J.F. Fogarty, LL.B.** Barrister-at-law, Victoria – Butterworths 1967

It is important to point out that the Adoption Act does not act on its own. The Adoption Act enactment is in partnership with other Commonwealth and State Statute Law (Government Laws).

> "*The natural parent's views are of supreme importance and are not lightly to be disregarded remembering the seriousness of the effects of making an order. It involves a question of status and, if made, the parents or the illegitimate mother lose their status of parenthood and become mere strangers to the child (Re Murray (1954), 55 S.B. (NSW) 88)" page 296*

The court does not have to grant an adoption order to prospective adopters.

> "*An order may be made in favor of the father of illegitimate children who has ceased to cohabit with the mother and has married another woman where the mother consents and the father intend that they should remain with the mother and that he will make provision for their maintenance*". (Re D and E (1924) 24, S.R. (N.S.W.) 508)

> "*A relative in relation to a child i.e. grandparent, uncle, aunt of the child, whether the relationship is of the whole blood or half, was (and still is) entitled to make application to the court for Adoption of the said infant. Such applications were entitled to be heard at the same time as a pro-adoptive parents' application. Such information was never relayed to these persons and in so doing, the withholding of such paramount information is against the* ***Rule of Law."***
> **(Reference per heading)**

This practice dates back as far as 1880's. This humane rule has never changed and keeping such information is further evidence that 'the abduction scheme' was well entrenched together with the drug experiments carried out on unmarried natural mothers.

Why should they under the heading '*in the best interest of the child' (as stated in Adoption Acts) not only deprive the natural mother/father of their baby but also the baby's right to* 'stay within the confines of its own genetic family?"

The answer to that question lies in the truth. Evidence from present day authorities will only be theory/perception on their part.

It was such a well engineered and I would not refer to it as a social cleansing – I would refer to it more as a well engineered evil darkness in the history of our great Nation.

NATURAL MOTHER'S PARENTAL RIGHTS

An unmarried natural mother had the parental rights to apply to the Court for the custody of their own baby and be returned from the prospective adoptive parents up till the time of the prospective adoption application to the court. Following the abduction of her baby due to lack of legal knowledge, an unmarried natural mother only needed to make application to the court for the immediate possession, control and upbringing of the infant concerned. An unmarried natural mother had full parental rights and responsibilities up until the granting of an adoption order by the Court.

All this information was kept from young naïve natural mothers. The **intent of abduction** was put into place from the moment a young mother visited a hospital for medical care during her pregnancy.

The Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law were breached in the gravest way they can ever be – as a result of the abduction of new born babies. Commonwealth Government must accept the consequences of the role they played in this dark period of this nation's history.

- **Study of Discrimination against Persons born out of wedlock by Vieno Voitto Saario, Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities – United Nations 1967**
- **The Status of the Unmarried Mother Law and Practice – United Nations**

  These reports are clear on the law and practice of the Status of the Unmarried Mother commissioned report by the United Nations. The decision to prepare the 2nd report was inspired by the Commission's consideration of the report "*Study of Discrimination against Persons born out of wedlock*". Four seminars were held between **1961 and 1964** which showed that discrimination against unmarried mothers still existed in law and in fact in many countries. It was reported by the Commonwealth Government representative that there was no discrimination in Australian law against unmarried mothers.

  The number of births out of wedlock in the world followed a marked upward trend. Australia advised that during 1961 and 1964 a 2% increase had occurred. In Australia within the legal system the mother-child relationship exists in law as a consequence of birth.

The 104 pages of this report and the 227 pages of the above report cannot be disputed as Commonwealth Government were participants detailing the law and practice on the Status of the Unmarried Mother in Australia i.e. it was legally recognized.

Unmarried mothers had equal legal status under Commonwealth Laws and in some cases more legal status than a married mother. It was reported by the Commonwealth participant that the unmarried mother is able to transmit her surname to her child, while the married mother cannot do so.

With 331 pages in all it is impossible to precise these reports down for presentation with this submission, therefore it is recommended that if time permits, the Senate Committee members take time to read these very valuable reports.

The illegal, unlawful and immoral actions against an unmarried mother and her baby in the Commonwealth of Australia not only breached the Commonwealth Constitution, many other human right declarations but the Law and Practice as confirmed by the Commonwealth Government to the United Nations on the Status of the Unmarried Mother in Australia.

Human Rights breached against mother and child.

- Commonwealth of Australia Constitution

. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Provision No. included)

Rights to Life and Survival - 3

Right to Liberty and Security - 3

Right to be Free from Inhumane and Degrading treatment - 5

Right to Maternity Protection – 25 (2)

Right to Private Life - 12

Right of Highest Standard of Health - 25

Right of Procedural Fairness – 6, 9, 10, 11

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
- Convention on elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Declaration of Helsinki
- Declaration of Geneva

And so the list can go on, and on, and on and on.

The Legacy of Life and story of Heredity

> *"Heredity for an individual begins at conception when the chromosomes of the male sperm and the female egg unite to form the beginnings of a new individual. Within the chromosomes are genes which transit the physical characteristics of the parents to the next generation. Some of these genes are called 'dominant' i.e. they tend to appear in each generation – others are 'recessive' in that they are likely to skip one or more generations and then reappear. In the main, genes transmit the physical characteristics, however many deformities and diseased conditions are known to the inherited."* Extract from article appearing in Jig Saw Special Bulletin – National Organisation – 1977 quoted as being written by 'The Sun" Psychologist".

They may have been able to take the baby out of the natural mother, but they can never take the natural mother/father out of the baby.

Further,

> *"that once the embryo is formed the mother's egg is the nurturing egg and if the baby conceived is a girl from the onset of progression through pregnancy that little darling has already commenced storing 'eggs' for her own future nurturing to motherhood even before she is born. Therefore the natural nurturing mother is continued throughout generations to come with no identity.*
>
> *I believe that embryo adoption is not as serious as what we went through but is a serious state of affairs when the natural mother's eggs continue to nurture the embryo throughout pregnancy regardless of the mother who carries it (surrogacy birth)."* *(extract of email forwarded by writer to the late Di Welfare, Co-ordinator of Origins NSW – for people separated by adoption –information obtained through thorough research by writer into medical journals."*

PRENATAL PERIOD

A young mother attends a public hospital (and in some cases attends a private physician) and has it confirmed that she is pregnant. Throughout the following months the mother and baby's health are in the hands of the medical practitioner/s. Unmarried natural mothers were treated differently by the medical professionals as they had made up their mind the young mother was a commoner undeserving to be a mother especially when so many of their 'mates' were unable to have their own children.

Queen Victoria Hospital (Monash Medical Centre) CEO agreed that consent was given (not given by natural mother) but the social worker prior to the birth, in order for the process to be put into place i.e. purpose no bonding to take place with mother and baby.

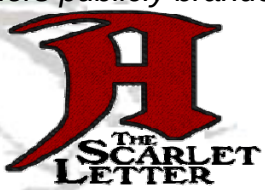
The Senior Medical Officer agreed that unmarried mothers' files were marked "BFA" (baby for adoption) and said that the medical profession was under instructions from the hospital's social worker to take the baby at birth. When it was pointed out that this was an illegal practice they turned the discussion towards the Age of Majority allowing the social worker to obtain an unmarried mother's – mother's permission to undergo the actions. It was point out that the unmarried mother's – mother did not have any legal say over the baby.

Confirmation of protocols;

(Extract from letter addressed to Ms. Brenda Lee (Melbourne suburb) dated 28 February, 2000 from The Honourable Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC, Legislative Council Parliament House Sydney NSW 2000 following the doctor's comments during the NSW Inquiry into Past adoption practice – reply received after numerous letters of protest including a letter to the Premier of New South Wales the Honourable Robert Carr.

- *The statement below that a sign **BFA WAS ON TOP OF THE HEAD** confirms **A MORE DELIBERATE ACT OF PLACING A SIGN ABOVE AN UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHER'S BED** IS a sign of branding (trademark, variety, kind, sort, label)the natural mother in that bed for all medical/hospital workers to see. Unmarried natural mothers on public display. Her privacy violated.*

  - *Unmarried mothers publicly branded with a **scarlet letter***



- "*As you may be aware I was present at the birth of a baby who was later adopted, and in a sense I actually delivery the baby. I was a medical student at the time and had no control over the practices. It was my first delivery and I was horrified at what happened. I was not rostered on, but had gone to the Labour Ward at the beginning of my term to find out where it was, so that I would not have trouble finding it when I was roistered on. As we were not allowed in unless we changed into surgical garb, I did so. As I was standing there, I was asked*

  "are you a student' – then you'd better do this delivery quickly – it's just on view"

I had not even met the mother. ***As the baby came out the nursing staff said to me***

"keep it low and put it on the trolley".

I did as I was told. I had realized as I went in that ***BFA BABY FOR ADOPTION*** *was on the* ***HEAD OF THE BED****, but did not know the protocol. I assumed that the mother knew the protocol, and had already signed. Obviously, this was not so.*

The single mothers were stigmatized, and the students had more to do with them than the private patients, as most private patients were 'off limits' to the students. In fact the young woman that I delivered was a private patient, and the obstetrician who was late, kicked me out of the room as soon as he arrived as students were not supposed to be there with private patients. He then delivered the placenta.

I had explained that to the committee (note: New South Wales Inquiry into past adoption practices) BUT HAD NOT STATED IT PUBLICLY, ***as Jan Burnswood (Chairperson) had said that it was not necessary.***

In the transcript (Note: from the Inquiry) of evidence that you quote, I was explaining the state of knowledge of the junior staff, who ***presumed that***

1. ***Since they were classified BFA, the mothers must know that this what was going to happen.***
2. ***The prevailing attitude was that the young woman who made a mistake should be able to get on with her life."***

I was shocked by what happened and did not have any personal control over it, though as you point out I was a ***'party'*** ***(Note: end of received letter – signed by the Honourable Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC)***

Information - The Honourable Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans MLC was an Australian Democratic Party member of the New South Wales Legislative Council from 25th June 1998 – 2 April 2007.

The Honourable Ms Churnswood (Chairperson) was an Australia Labour Party member of the New South Wales Legislative Council from 25 May 1991 – 2nd March 2007.

- *In the past some of those involved in the forced adoption trade, possibly were correct by stating that medical files were not marked BFA – but they failed to say* ***THAT BFA WAS PLACED ON THE TOP OF THE BED*** *- an even more degrading illegal and unlawful action. With the sign above the bed ALL THOSE*

THAT HAD CONTACT WITH THE UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHER were required to abide by the SIGN.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

A Young unmarried girl enters the door to Motherhood

Segregation Chamber (separation and Isolation)

When the door closed the Labour Ward for unmarried mothers turned into a **segregation chamber** – unmarried mothers to the left and married mothers to the right. Such actions created **immediate separation and isolation emotions.**

Unmarried mothers totally unaware of what was happening to their bodies, arms held in shackles, so they can't move and see their baby once born continually being injected with drugs placing the mother into a hypnotic and amnesia state. Pillows put over their stomachs creating a division between a mother's upper and lower part of her body (separation techniques) – as the ongoing sexual abuse continued. Then during the birthing process further animal like treatment - so inhumane – then her baby being taken from her – defenseless evidence as can be seen in the photo – three adult nurses – all guilty of inhumane treatment of unmarried mothers and the abduction of their babies.

Caption: Unhappy event: **Midwives** at a Melbourne hospital (below) use shackles and a pillow to stop a single mother to be seeing her baby (from Four Corners ABC 1971) and appeared in The Sun Herald – Tempo April 1, 2001

Abuse – A victim of chronic abuse affects a person's ability to make a rational decision, judgment or premeditated decisions.

> So weakened by abuse – in a moment of stress places a person in the state of **atonominious like a sleep walker.** This is the official definition of abuse giving an indication of the state that the medical professionals placed an unmarried natural mother in whilst in the segregation chamber and many days thereafter. Such sufferings are from peremptory (authoritative, dogmatic, dictatorial) and erratic (unpredictable, unreliable, inconsistent, irregular) rulings.

It appears to be the trend **that nobody did anything to help unmarried mothers and their babies** and that pattern continues.

Even in today's climate Commonwealth Government and Minister Jenny Macklin have betrayed many natural mothers by endeavoring to silence them by ignoring their pleas. Her fellow Politicians representing their constituents – shaking their heads in bewilderment at the Minister's actions but as natural mothers they should not be surprised at this betrayal. Such ongoing betrayal is immoral (corrupt) and incomprehensible (inconceivable and inexplicable). The Minister's present investigation through AIFS into past adoption practices (report 2012) only allows once again a handful of natural mothers' views/voices to be heard. Unacceptable practices.

It has been viewed that the Minister was discriminative in her discussions with only ORIGINS Inc. – a group which does not represent the majority of natural mothers. In the past this group has suffered several major membership splits in New South Wales and

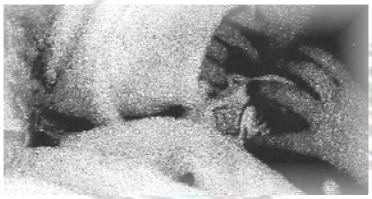
Victoria – with now only a handful of members. This present Inquiry into forced adoptions gives ALL NATURAL MOTHERS A VOICE.

Western Australian Parliament listened **to all natural mothers who raised their voices and acknowledged the removal of children from unmarried mothers and apologized to those natural mothers in their State. As a consequence of this historical apology the present Commonwealth Senate Inquiry is in place – giving ALL natural mothers who wish to be heard the opportunity to a voice. (denied previously by Minister Macklin). Over the past 42 years previous Commonwealth and State Governments have been blind and mute ignoring what they seen and knew about the dehumanizing of unmarried natural mothers around Australia.**

ALL Natural mothers are now being treated equally and heard in an honest and open environment by the Commonwealth Senate Committee members.– further reference - notes under the heading ARMS later in this submission..

Once the baby has been abducted from its natural mother's body the baby is taken from

the segregation (SEPARATION AND ISOLATION) chamber



And placed behind another door with the words inscribed ABDUCTEES HOLDING PLACE

for **three days minimum** waiting for the medical professions to carry out strenuous tests in Hitler style – to be declared fit or unfit to be placed for adoption and product an Infant Report.

This door contained a two way lock –

And a sign AUTHORISED PERSONNEL ONLY – our babies locked away from the rest of the world – defenseless and crying for her/his mother and her/his mother screaming for her baby. Please take a minute to try and image you can hear the screaming – another mother – another baby forced to be part of the Social Cleansing that swept the State of Victoria from the mid 1950's – early 1970's.

Natural Mother had the right to care for her baby from the moment of birth – it was the baby's birth right to be placed into the arms of its natural mother.

Mr. Justice Sholl's inhumane decision and judgement are now being challenged and the Commonwealth Government under the Constitution has the burden of showing that natural mothers and their babies were deceived mainly because of this legal decision.

For our abducted babies to be taken to the abductees room and then moved onto an institution, awaiting for an infertile couple to be selected and then placed in their arms – the time span was approximately 40 days. 40 days of loneliness deprived of the love of its natural mother is an event that is too painful to visualise.

A little angel lying in a crib – picked up to be fed and changed – and put back down without any love – a commodity to be passed on when the system selected prospective

adoptive parents but their own little jackets and toys waiting for them at their domicile address (their natural mother's address) as recorded on the baby's original birth certificate.

This is a total breach of human rights and a natural mother had the law on her side enabling her to be with her baby, to hold her baby, to care for her baby but all this was denied BECAUSE HER BABY HAD BEEN ABDUCTED.

Our babies during the days in the abductees holding room, never held close to soft, full breasts; never having their hunger satisfied with warm maternal milk and endearments. Our babies lay in their cribs in this holding place not knowing where their mother was.

> *"They need to be bathed and fed. Snuggly sprucely into their cocoons of blankets, they smelt sweetly of talcum powder and milky baby burps. Some of them already asleep, a few more face-splitting yawns, eyes shut tightly – and peace. A peace disturbed only a few moments later as a tiny clenched fist beats the air, a pale pink face turns wrinkled puce, a mouth gapes in an angered yell. Nurse hurries on rubber-soled shoes, pats a troubled back; a bubble of wind, spraying milk, bursts from the little mouth. Tranquility." (POL Vol 2 No 7 1970 page 32 obtained from State Library of Victoria).*

MOTHERHOOD ILLEGALLY DESTROYED

Skin to Skin contact

Natural mothers were denied skin to skin contact after birth and breast feeding within the first hour of life which was so important. Such denial was agreed to by the Social Workers of the Queen Victoria Hospital and Royal Women's Hospital and endorsed by the Dr Lindell Chairman of the Hospital's and Charities Commission and Dr (...)

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Medical Officer, Hospital and Charities Commission on 22nd May 1958. (See notes later in submission).

Baby denied skin to skin Contact with their mother immediately after birth.

Research has confirmed the importance of uninterrupted skin to skin contact for mother and baby after the birth. (i.e. By Jill Hanson RN, RM, IBCLC, Grad Dip Adv Nursing, Clinical Nurse Specialist: Lactation Consultant Launceston General Hospital)

If left undisturbed, the healthy term baby takes an average of one (1) hour to orientate to the breast, attach and start to breastfeed. Babies affected by medications used during the labor and birth may require longer than one hour.

Baby develops a sequence of behavior - crawling, rooting, and sucking – and uses the senses of smell, sight and hearing to find the 'flight path' to the breast.

Baby adapts better – stabilizes temperature, breathing, heart rate and blood sugar levels.

Mother and baby "imprinting" is fostered with baby using the strongest newborn sense – smell.

Baby's hand and mouth contact with the nipple stimulates maternal oxytocin to enhance uterine contractions, milk let down and mother baby interaction and bonding.

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It is impossible to continue writing on 'skin to skin' contact of mother and baby immediately after birth as it is too painful. The evidence available of the crimes committed against natural mothers and their babies continue on through this and other submissions.

It is obvious to the reader that both the natural mother and her baby were targeted by the intent of others who knowingly and willingly treated mother and baby inhumanely from the commencement of contact of mother and doctor during antenatal period. Immediately following the birth an unmarried mother was injected with a drug to stop lactation – which is a very important piece of evidence of **their intent.**

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL MELBOURNE - An article in Jigsaw Organisation Victorian Branch – November 1978 newsletter has been uncovered and the following is placed in this submission as evidence.

Mrs. (...) was the Almoner of the above hospital responsible for dealing with hundreds of unmarried natural mothers. Hundreds of those mothers were separated from their babies in the labour ward, received no assistance including counselling from Mrs. (...)

Mrs. (...) was guest speaker at the Jigsaw Meeting along with Pauline Toner MLA for Greensborough. When discussing past adoption practices she stated:

> "*She was unsure of the role of social workers, or what it should be, and saw social workers used as a whipping post, because they were unhelpful, because the legal situation prevented them from being anything else. The purpose of the 1958 Adoption Act legislation was to make a complete*

and total separation of the child from its natural mother and the 1964 Adoption Act legislation was to stop private adoptions."

Her description of social workers being unhelpful was a truthful statement.

The newsletter states that (...) identified with how the other party might feel i.e. the girl who gives a baby for adoption is making a complete sacrifice, the ultimate of motherhood, out of concern for the baby. (It was during this meeting that the possibility of unmarried natural mothers receiving identifying information about her baby was being discussed as it was the main topic for debate during the Inquiry and review into the 1964 Adoption Act Legislation that was being undertaken by the Victorian Government.)

Note: ***complete sacrifice, the ultimate of motherhood, out of concern for the bab***y – for many natural mothers' words will be very distressing to read – as they are victims of Mrs. (...) cruel treatment after they were separated from their baby in the labour ward.

She went onto state:

*"**It is very rare that a mother could give her baby away easily**."*

This comment some 25+ years after she was a contributor to the introduction to the modern medical opinion in 1958 **that unmarried mothers were not allowed to breast feed their own new born babies – separating unmarried mothers and their babies at birth – endorsing Justice Sholl's court decision.**

She went on to say that adopted parents have no legal obligation to keep in any contact with the adoption agency, but they sometimes are contacted about good things, and about problems, however contact after the child is 2 years old is spasmodic or erratic and their ability to help is very slight, because the adopted child is the legal child of the adoptive parents in every way.

Note: The assistance to adopted parents was vast and the assistance to unmarried natural mothers ZERO. On this one point alone, it is quite clear that equilibrium (balance) was never established – it was all one sided pointing to the clear evidence that unmarried natural mothers were treated as a commodity.

She further stated:

"in the past adoption was not fashionable, with the attitude being that you don't take on anyone else's trouble, bad blood, etc. but the war time experiences rendered some men infertile, and the attitudes of that

generation since the war changed and adoption became fashionable. Recently, however, with societies changing attitude to unmarried mothers, the number of babies available for adoption has fallen dramatically and the Queen Victoria hospital has only placed 4 babies for adoption since December.'

IMPORTANT AND IMPERATIVE THE ABOVE AND THE FOLLOWING BE READ AND NOTED.

***"but the war time experiences rendered some men infertile** ....."*

Service persons were give **bromide** in order to calm their sexual excitement whilst fighting for their country. In other words, once you put on the uniform to fight for your country during war time in particular, sexual excitement needed to be curved thus the introduction of *bromide* ***to stop any sexual excitement and to quell sexual arousal.*** *This is the Saltpetre Principle which it is believed that 'sedatives' are placed in ''chow' including eggs, coffee, tea, wine, mashed potatoes etc. during army training or active war duty.*

The following article appeared in the Herald Sun Newspaper on Thursday January 20, 2011 – journalists Ian McPherson and Alison Rehn.

The questions arise as to WHY Viagra is being given to our Troops suffering erectile dysfunction who are overseas in a war zone TODAY and why are they entitled to the performance enhancing drugs?

Is it to avoid future infertility?

Is it possible that the Commonwealth Government
Is learning from the lessons of the past
That created infertility?

Further why are our troops who receive these
Performance enhancing drugs whilst in war zones
are also
Entitled to continue to receive them
After they are deployed?

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Viagra on the frontline

Diggers getting taxpayer-funded morale boost

n McPhedran
d Alison Rehn

TROOPS suffering erectile dysfunction are entitled to our taxpayer-financed tablets a month of Viagra or Cialis.

Even soldiers at war can qualify for the handout of the performance-enhancing drug.

But the Defence surgeon-general has issued a health bulletin in response to fears about the possible overuse and over-prescribing of such drugs by military personnel.

The warning applies to Viagra and Cialis and says a proper diagnosis of erectile dysfunction must be carried out before troops can qualify for their free prescription.

Troops are restricted to four 50 or 100mg tablets of Viagra or four 10-20mg tablets of Cialis each month.

Service personnel deployed overseas who qualify to receive the drugs continue to obtain them on deployment.

Defence said higher doses were available if they were prescribed by a medical officer.

It said it had no idea how many defence members were using Viagra or Cialis and confirmed the drugs were available to anyone who needed them, including soldiers at war.

Four brand-name 50mg Viagra tablets sell for $115.95 on the internet and four 10mg Cialis tablets cost the same.

Generic Viagra can be bought for $1.95 a tablet and black market pills for even less.

"They are not to be prescribed for women," the defence warning says.

In the past military brass have been accused of lacing soldiers' tea with bromide to suppress sexual urges.

Under the heading "Phosphodiesterase Type 5 Inhibitors", the chemical name for drugs such as Viagra, the health bulletin says they can be prescribed only for "clinical erectile dysfunction" or for short-term treatment after surgery and must be recommended by a specialist.

"The drug is to be accompanied by a medical review and treatment of underlying conditions," Defence says.

The warning had personnel scurrying to Google or dusting off dictionaries when it told them the "aetology" for the drug wa complex and multi-factoria

The "erectile dysfunction guidelines manual" warn the drugs may not be effec tive if a man attempts sex ual intercourse too soo after taking the medicine has no sexual stimulatior eats a fatty meal when tak ing Viagra, drinks alcohol o suffers from high anxiety.

The warning said use o inhibitor drugs was no sub stitute for addressin "reversible causes of erectil dysfunction". These ca include high blood pressure obesity and depression.

Research has found not all of t**he adoptive mothers were infertile – approx. 40% of the adoptive fathers were infertile, but that was kept under rapt because it was too embarrassing for it to be known i.e. male ego.**

All serious issues raised during this research are not relevant to this Inquiry, but the infertility of men **who came back from war** is relevant. It is those men that became adoptive fathers increasing **the list of persons waiting for new born babies to be placed in their arms.**

The issue of infertility caused to our servicemen during war, is a subject that is not openly **discussed BUT THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS OF THE PAST** were well aware, and it is detailed in the National Archive of Australia records – just how serious this infertility issue was of service men when they returned to Australia.

The lies regarding men's infertility becomes another 'arm' in the injustices. This issue became part of the forced adoptions practices and procedures between 1950-1970 eras bringing about 'closed adoptions' under the Adoption Act 1964 Victoria.

(...) as Almoner of the Queen Victoria Hospital would have been well aware of this serious issue and to mention it at the above meeting is confirmation.

During this meeting an adoptee queried with (...) and Pauline Toner MLA the matters of

- adoptee rejected by the adopted families and returned to the adoption agencies
- a large percentage of women in Winlaton Prison are adoptees and in severe distress as reported by the Winlaton psychiatrist.
- Lifeline receives calls from distressed adoptees and distressed natural mums

Is proof of the fact that some adoptees are distressed? Jigsaw representative advised that Lifeline passes at least some of these calls onto Jigsaw members)

Mrs. (...) stated the adoption agencies (Queen Victoria Hospital being an adoption agency) did not know of these problems.

Pauline Toner MLA was listening (and possibly contributing) to these discussions and the Victorian Government **DID NOTHING 32 YEARS AGO!!! That is a further breach of adoptees and natural mothers' human rights. It was put to the guest speakers that an investigation should be held into the cruelty which some adoptees are subjected to. A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ADOPTION AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE APPROACHED ON THESE SERIOUS ISSUES 32 YEARS AGO AND DID NOTHING. No intelligent person could ever accept such despicable actions against adoptees and further, for these two persons to have totally ignored the pleas for help – is totally unacceptable.**

Mrs. Pauline Toner MLA then spoke of parliamentary procedures**.**

Their guest speaker last month was Cliff Picton, from Monash University where he advised that he had some money available to carry out some research and offered to carry it out with the help of Jigsaw members on adoption which members felt would be very positive, as he had worked in England before coming to Monash. Again this is some 33 years ago!!!! Results of this research detailed what had happened to unmarried natural mothers in the past at the hands of the Results of this research detailed what had happened to unmarried natural mothers in the past at the hands of the ***system***.

In conclusion (...) advised that

> *"the current practice is that prospective adopting parents are told that the law might change to give access to birth records and this has resulted in some people losing interesting in adopting a baby because they see themselves as caretaker parents, however I feel that if this is their attitude then they may not be suitable as adaptors' anyway. Let's face it none of us can dictate who are our children's associates, one they become adult".*

Note: **To date natural mothers in Victoria still cannot have access to identifying information about their baby who was adopted. Victoria is the only State and Territory in Australia that does not allow identifying information.**

The reason for this can be summed up in a letter from the former Premier of Victoria Mr. J.G. Kennett MLA Burwood in reply to Jigsaw's circular to politicians in 1978. His reason still has the same impact today – no identifying information to be given to natural mothers.

> *"…but say nothing of the anxieties and in some cases the total disruption of the life of a natural mother who may have given up her child for adoption when she herself was very young, thinking to do what was best for her child. Perhaps she later married without disclosing that she had had a child and the arrival on the scene of an unknown eighteen year old child could completely destroy a relationship in marriage that she had spent years nurturing. I understand that such cases have actually happened in England; many divorces have occurred as a result.*
>
> *Whilst I am not opposed to the introduction of enquiring children to natural parents by mutual consent I feel that parents have a right to have their privacy respected if they so desire. It is quite possible that the passing of the Act you envisage would result in fewer adoptions which I am sure you would agree would be a pity."*

NATURAL FATHERS

Unmarried fathers were deemed to be abandoners of their biological baby – in other words voluntarily terminated his rights on the grounds of ABANDONMENT. By placing "unknown" in the space for father's name – the social workers etc. once again subscribed to this image they had created and 'focused only in one direction' and that was to abduct new born babies in line with Mr. Justice Sholl's decision in 1957 and the consequences of that decision that flowed through to the medical profession, hospitals (whether public or private), Government Departments i.e. Hospital and Charities Commission – Chairperson Dr. Lindell and Senior Medical Officer Dr. Davis.

The following is included to highlight the Commonwealth Governments role in adoptions mentioned below which created double standards for natural fathers. The Commonwealth Government knew the Law and acted upon it when they dealt with the following cases but ignored natural fathers who fathered children in Australia.

Adoption of Illegitimate Japanese Children by Members of the Australian Military Forces – (Series MP927/1 Item A194/1/45 held at the National Archives of Australia)

Correspondence between the British Forces Commonwealth dated 29 December 1955 and Japanese lawyers is interesting reading. It is important to note the following comment from this correspondence signed by Brigadier (...) (Cmd Aust. Army Component)

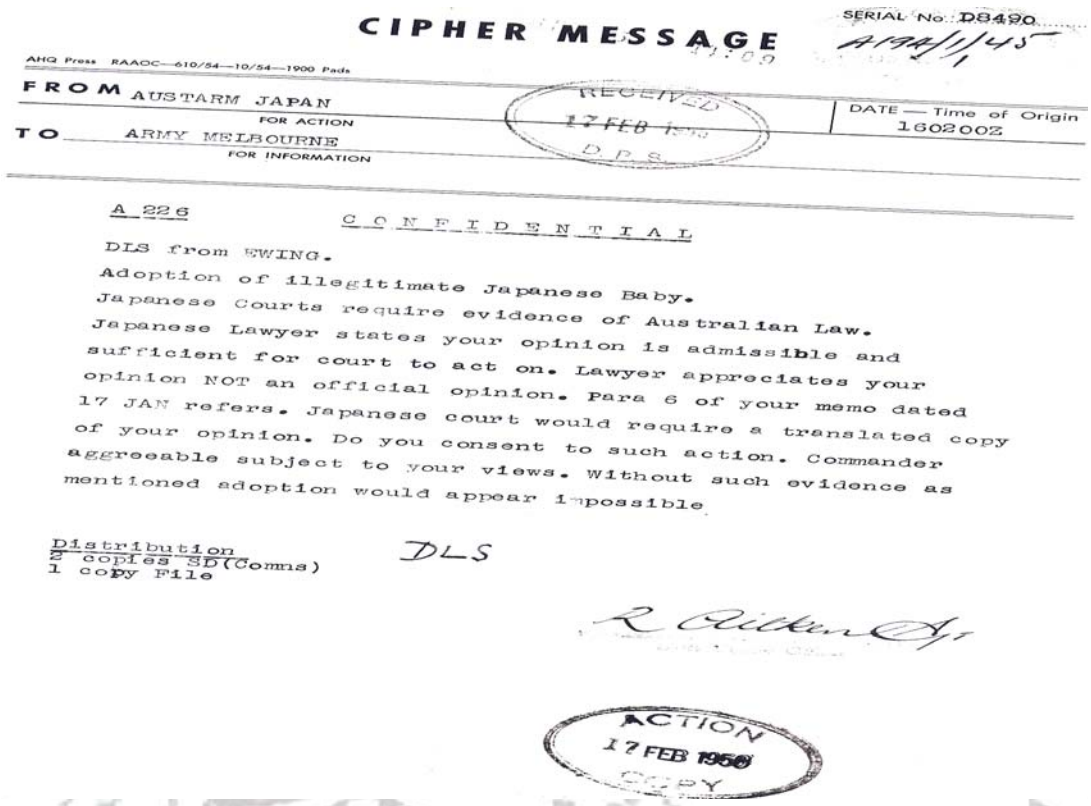
> "*if adoption is not possible the fate of the children would appear to be grim".*

The documents required by the Japanese court from the Commonwealth of Australia included a statement that the adoption by an Australian soldier (father) would be recognized in all States of Australia. The legal officer for the Australian army confirms **that it is the law of the domicile of the mother that determines the question of adoption". (This point is included as confirmation that an unmarried natural mother and her baby were protected under Commonwealth law in Australia by the mother's domicile address in Australia).**

The Adoption Law within all States of Australia allowed for the adoption of Japanese babies by the father therefore confirms that the Adoption Law within all States of Australia with the mother's permission, allowed for natural father's to adopt their own children.

Another Australian soldier applied under Commonwealth law to marry the Japanese mother of their baby and Sgt (...) , Director of Legal Services Commonwealth of Australia advised that

> "*It would therefore be necessary to know the State of the soldier's domicile. The position generally is that where at the time of birth there was no legal impediment to the intermarriage of the parents, the child may be legitimized by the subsequent marriage of the parents. It would seem that the nationality of the father, the domicile or nationality of the mother, the place of the child's birth and the place of the subsequent marriage are all immaterial. However, the procedure to be followed to effect legitimation is not the same in all States of Australia."*



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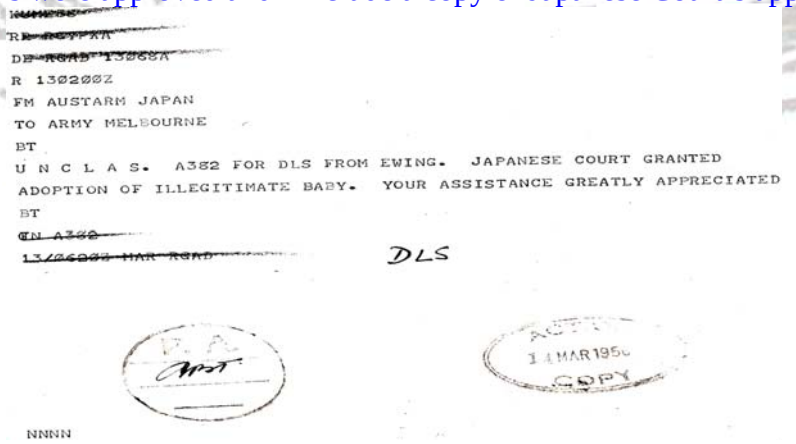
The Australian Government supplied a Japanese Court with the Australian Law and these natural fathers were able to adopted their own baby and bring them back to Australia to be reared by the father even though he was not married.

A Japanese Court endorsed Australia's law (3 copies had to be forwarded from Australia) and in Australia – our own law is breached illegally and unlawfully against a natural father not in the Forces. That must be viewed as double standards by the Commonwealth Government.

All applications were approved and I include a copy of Japanese Court's approval



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One soldier applied to marry the young Japanese mother of his child and the legitimation by subsequent marriage was examined by the Director of Legal Services, Army Headquarters, ***Melbourne.***

He advised that

> *" it depended on statute and provisions in the legislation of the States vary considerable. The position generally is that where at the time of birth there was no legal impediment to the intermarriage of the parents, the child may be legitimised by the subsequent marriage of the parents. It would seem that the nationality of the father, the domicil or nationality of the mother, the place of the child's birth and the place of the subsequent marriage are all immaterial (See Halesbury Vol 11 p.566). However the procedure to be followed to effect legitimation is not the same in all States. (Signed* (...) *letter dated 10 December 1955).*

(...) comments are included as evidence and it is believed that

> *"many unmarried natural mothers and fathers in the State of Victoria were able to be married and legitimation of their baby took place immediately upon the subsequent marriage of the parents".*

The Commonwealth Government allowed these adoptions by natural single fathers within the Army forces but would not allow adoptions by natural single fathers outside the Army forces. That certainly is double standards and discrimination.

THESE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN VICTORIA'S ADOPTION FIGURES – A FURTHER DISCREPANCY.

It must be noted that the denial to **VICTORIAN PARENTS** who married prior to the adoption order being granted is a further serious breach of the law and enforces the further illegal and unlawful intent carried out in the State of Victoria against natural parents whose baby had been abducted at birth.

As stated above "*the procedure to be followed to effect legitimation is not the same in all States of Australia"* BUT IT WAS IN VICTORIA**.**

THIS SERIOUS ISSUE CANNOT BE STRESSED ENOUGH.

Part III Clause 28 (i) of the Marriage Act 1958 Victoria – this clause allowed the registration of the father's name upon marriage to the mother to legitimation of their child. Eighth schedule was required to be filled out upon the marriage.

Many natural mothers and fathers were not aware of this clause and procedure and later married. If the baby was not adopted at this time, the parents were able to request and apply to the court to have their baby returned.

If difficulties arose re the return of their baby, the parents would have applied to the Court at the time of the adoption order application hearing and the judge **would not have been able to grant such an adoption order.**

Clause 28 (4)

> *"If the same child has been previously registered as illegitimate the Government Statist shall NOT furnish any person with any or extract of any entry relating to the previous registration of any which who has been registered as the lawful issue of a man and wife except upon the order of a Judge of the Supreme Court."*

At the time of the marriage of the parents **no adoption** could take place because the original birth certificate was null and void and could not be used during an adoption application hearing and

> "*the order of a Judge of the Supreme Court would have been in such cases as adoptions were heard in the Supreme Court."*

No adoption order was possible.

Clause 29 (2)

> *A law officer was required to certify that he was satisfied that the father was the father of the said child, before it could be registered."*

For those natural parents who married prior to the adoption of their natural baby are still today devastated that they were separated illegally and unlawfully from their baby TWICE and highlights again THAT the illegal and unlawful practices have many branches to its tree.

Separation of mother and baby at birth is the first step and there are enormous consequences thereafter as well as a major second abduction of their legal baby after marriage.

In order for a legitimate birth to be part of an adoption order **both parents' signatures are required for an adoption to be valid. Therefore adoption orders that were granted AFTER THE NATURAL PARENTS were married – makes the adoption made invalid.**

UNMARRIED WIVES

The Commonwealth Government paid benefits/allowances to **unmarried wives** (definition of wife – companion, consort, husband, spouse, and partner) of members of the Commonwealth Australia's military forces during the 2nd world war.

Note: In many cases, unmarried natural mothers were committed to their companions, partners, consorts – many engaged and living together – and were entitled to the same benefits as **unmarried wives.**

The definition of unmarried wives (obtained from correspondence held at the National Archives of Australia references included) was

> **"***a woman who has lived with a soldier as his wife and has been wholly or substantially maintained by the soldier on a permanent bona fide domestic basis continuously for not less than 6 months prior to the commencement of the war or of his first employment with the Forces, if later, and is dependent upon him".*

Letter to The Right Honourable R.G. Menzies K.C., Prime Minister of Australia, Commonwealth Offices, Melbourne dated January 8, 1940 states
(with the reader keeping in mind that Judge Sholl, Melbourne set the abduction of babies from unmarried natural mothers into operation describing 'illicit sex' as a crime)

- The term itself ***unmarried wives*** seems to us to be entirely out of harmony with established vital ideals and practices with regard to marriage.
- It appears to give unjustifiable condemnation to *ILLICIT RELATIONSHIPS*
- To strike a heavy blow at marriage sanctities and the
- Moral standards which should be observed.
- It is felt that the provision for these allotments will almost certainly leader to grave abuses, and
- Thrown upon the community the added burden of providing for women who may be prepared to exploit the war situation for their own ends.
- It would appear from the Form that no difference is made whether the person claiming support for an unmarried wife be married or single;
- That obligations created by civil marriages contracts may be discarded in favour of *illicit relationships*

- That the female partners in these *illicit relationships* may become a permanent charge on the Nation, and
- That single or married man may claim for their mistresses.
- End what may easily become a scandalous condition, and
- Which does not fit in with the Christian view of marriage, nor
- With the spiritual ideals for which the Nation is struggling.

We assure you of our wholehearted support of the "all in war effort' and our sympathy with you in the heavy load you are bearing; and feel sure that you share with us the anxiety that this exigencies of this colossal struggle will not lead to the lowering of moral and spiritual standards. Signed (...) *, Hon Secretary Council of Churches in Victoria.*

Reply from the Commonwealth of Australia Prime Minister's Department, Canberra dated 6th March 1941 – Ref. A.45/1/3 signed by the Secretary.

"*I am directed to refer again to your letter of 8th January 1941 (from the Hon Secretary Council of Churches in Victoria) in regards to the decision of the Government to permit members of the Forces to make allotments to "unmarried wives" and to inform you that the view is held that, as recruits are accepted without regard to their marital status, it is incumbent to ensure that, as far as possible, their dependants receive support to the same extent as that provided for them by the member prior to his enlistment.*

With regard to your observation relating to the obligation of the member in respect to a civil marriage contract, it is pointed out that, in case where the member has been legally married but has made an allotment in favour of an unmarried wife, provision exists whereby his legal wife may submit a claim for dependants allowance and an allotment from his pay, and this is approved if the circumstances are considered to justify the payment.

It is pointed out that the principle of paying dependants allowance to unmarried wives was observed during the war of 1914/18 and has been adopted by the United Kingdom Government during the present period of hostilities, in respect of members of His Majesty's Forces.

The views expressed on behalf of your Council in regard to the use of the term unmarried wife are appreciated but it will be seen that in this respect the practice in the United Kingdom has been closely followed."

Note: The Prime Minister of Australia, the Right Honourable R.G. Menzies, K.C., after further correspondence, endorsed all entitlements be made to the *unmarried wives.*

They were there for the *unmarried wives* ***and were certainly not there for the unmarried natural mother. The words 'illicit relationships' used in 1941 and the words 'illicit sex' used in 1957. Interesting.*** ***(All Papers held at National Archives of Australia Series MP508/1 Item 247/701/220.)***

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT BENEFITS FOR UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHERS

This subject will be covered in many submissions but the following is placed on record:

Social Security was for all. Firstly let us reflect on the words of the Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Chifley in 1943:

> *We are determined to see that work, as well as being available to all, is adequately rewarded and directed towards worth-while ends. This means, above all placing permanently within the reach of every one of us freedom from basic economic worries, the realization of some of our ambitions for personal development and the opportunity of bringing up happy, healthy, well-educated families".*

When Mr. Chifley made this statement the Commonwealth Government **did not exclude a young mother and her child because they were already included in Commonwealth Benefits as far back as 1910. Mr. Chifley made no distinctions of any person.** In 1943 the Government announced the creation of a social welfare fund; the comprehensive plan was to include unemployment insurance, sickness and maternity benefits and contributions to the costs of medicines. Note: this comprehensive plan is still in place today.

The plan was based on the "*League of Nations Declaration on Economic Depressions"*

> *By the late 1950s the pattern of a modern economy had emerged; wages and salaries made up about 60 per cent of the national income, company*

> *income 15 per cent, professional and small business some 12 per cent, with primary producers' incomes fluctuating (according to world demands and prices) around 10 per cent or so. At this point, annual outlays on defence were equivalent to 20 pounds a head while 25 pounds per head was spent on pensions, medical and other welfare benefits and 28 pounds a head on payments to the states, most of it for road construction and as university grants. Federal capital works amounted to 12 pounds a head a year and the cost of running the Post Office with all its services 10 pounds per head.* (Australia and the Australians, R.M. Younger 1970 – page 703).

Great outlays were made to increase power, water and irrigation projects to build new schools and other educational facilities, and to improve and extend roads, harbours and hospitals. Australia was changing in the late 1950s giving all citizens new hope and a new future and sadly that new future for infertile couples put into place (thanks to Justice Sholl) the abduction **of new born babies from their unmarried natural mother in the labour ward.**

It was discriminative and still is, to refer to unmarried mothers receiving benefits from the Commonwealth Government because married mothers were also upgraded to *exactly the same benefits – married mothers whose husbands were in prison.*

What should be noted is the politics in the 1950/60 era were vastly different to those in the 1990's. Medical personnel ran into hurdles in the 1950/60 era.

> *"Opposition to the present Labour Government (early 1940's) was strengthening among various groups and particularly among business and professional men. As part of its expansion of social services the government planned to expand programmes in the health and medical fields.* ***Doctors were consistently opposed to all the proposals and to enacted law related to medical and health services which they regarded as being a step towards 'socialised medicine'*** *and the profession moved from deep-rooted objection to active political opposition".* (Australia and the Australians, R.M. Younger 1970 – page 680).

Note: in other words they did not want to be held responsible for their actions within the medical and health services. In 1941 The Liberal Party was returned to power thus the introduction of socialised medicine was never introduced.

'Socialised medicine" reflected on moral principles, moral practice, code of right and wrong, social laws, ethics and decency were required of the medical profession. They opposed these factors which were certainly missing when they treated unmarried natural mothers in the 1950/1960's.

Who had jurisdiction over the medical profession, social workers, nurses and the Hospitals' Boards of Management?

The Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law together with the Commonwealth and State Governments had the absolute right of jurisdiction (authority, control, power, rule and command) **and all failed.**

Possibly those medical practitioners who were head of the Public Hospitals treating unmarried natural mothers were from those doctors (as young doctors then) that opposed 'socialised medicine'.

Use and disclosure of a Mother's medical information without Consent

Very few exemptions apply except *information relating to personal, family or household affairs.*

Doctors have also breached the Health Privacy Principles repeatedly throughout the 1950-1970 era and had NO LEGAL RIGHT TO DISCUSS THE PRIVACY OF a NATURAL MOTHER'S FILE WITH ANY OTHER PERSONNEL WITHIN THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM i.e. she is unmarried and we will abduct her baby at birth. That is INTENT to commit a crime.

Medical practitioners, throughout this period 'thumbed' their noses at both mother and baby's human rights, the Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law. **They became a law unto themselves** and continued to abduct new born babies from unmarried mothers in the segregation chamber and nobody challenged them. These Health Privacy Principles are extracted from the Health Records Act (Victoria).

Worth noting: Present day 'experts' continually state that because of the introduction of the Sole Parent's Pension by Gough Whitlam, the percentage of those receiving the benefits increased dramatically.

These people need to gain their facts first, and then speak.

Allowances received in 1974 (Sole Parents – which included Widows, de-factos, wives of prisoners and single parent) was 9.2% but in 1975 the percentage dropped to 8.7%. Where is the dramatic increase used as an excuse for the

drop in adoptions coming from? The truth does not reveal their stories. Later in the submission a history of the percentage of ex nuptial births and ages of single mothers from 1928 to 1988 are include to show that a rise in ex nuptial births did not take place as the experts continue to preach. Further reflection on the decline in the birth rate in age groups will also be included to highlight the decline in the birth rate in the 'age range' of those that became adoptive parents. These figures highlight the infertility rate that rose following the 2nd world war as mention by (...) in this submission as guest speaker at a Jigsaw meeting in 1978

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Commonwealth of Australia Constitution

Under the **Commonwealth Constitution**, the Commonwealth Government has always held **federal administrative laws** in an endeavor to enhance the rights of individuals adversely affected by bureaucratic decisions.

The human right of an unmarried natural mother and her baby were violated by the Commonwealth Government and in a memorable statement, Lord Chief Justice Hewart in 1929 denounced government's delegating more and more power to bureaucrats who are not responsible to the electorate, and who sometimes appear to exercise such power in an arbitrary manner said:

> *"a monolithic bureaucracy armed with wide-ranging and loosely defined powers to affect the rights of individual citizens undermined the **Rule of Law** and subverted basic democratic principles".*

Monolithic bureaucracy – massive, huge and gigantic powers

It was this **monolithic bureaucracy** that those responsible for the separation of an unmarried natural mother and her baby – acted under. They undermined our great Nation's **Rule of Law.**

The Commonwealth Government it appears, allowed our great Nation is become a totalitarian society where 'those responsible for this dark period of our Nation' can justify their breaches to what they saw as abhorrent laws i.e. Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law, Common Law and Declaration of Human Rights, United Nations Law and Practice for Unmarried Mothers, (Australian Government representative participated and contributed that in Australia an unmarried mother and her baby are recognized by the Commonwealth law as equal in status to a married woman) etc. etc.

It can be said with a certain amount of honesty, that these opponents were only too well aware of their actions. It can also be seen as an act of barbarity – in other words they should be viewed as **modern political terrorists.** These people introduced the **modern medical opinion against unmarried mothers**

under the endorsement of Mr. Justice Sholl of the Victoria Supreme Court – responsible to the Federal Government

The general attitude of those responsible for the separation of an unmarried natural mother and her baby that they could pick and chose which laws to comply with in a democratic society based on freedom and respect for the individual, where procedures do exist for the peaceful repeal or amendment of laws is corrosive of the very liberal ideals on which our great Nation was founded on.

The medical profession, health workers, State Governments and the Federal Government had no concern for the Rule of Law – our great Nation built on the concern for individual rights, freedom of association and communication.

This group of people is the very thesis of authoritarian and totalitarian regime; that maintained themselves by rigidly controlling unmarried natural mothers and their babies and repressing any signs of dissent. Natural mothers were powerless, defenseless and immobilized and no matter what they said then and have said over the past 40+ years, it is only now that exposure of their actions is being heard. The Commonwealth Government has always meant to be antithesis of authoritarian and totalitarian regime.

The Constitution is inclusive and not exclusive – all people are free and equal. The Commonwealth Constitution was written over two decades 1880-1890's The Constitution is not strict laws governed by class. The separation of mother and baby at birth is a contravention not only of the Constitution but also all life's codes. The birth of a baby is a miraculous gift to the mother and father whether married or not.

> "*Providing each of us the freedom of our own life's and treats each other with dignity*".

The Commonwealth Government failed in their duties under the Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law and ignored their responsibilities to law enforcement. Investigation and enforcement are but two aspects of their responsibilities – administration is another. It is a very strong belief also, that the

Commonwealth of Australia over the past few years have also breached the Commonwealth Constitution by ignoring the voices of **all** natural mothers who have reached out to the Commonwealth Government to be heard. Such breaches have also occurred when approaches have been made on behalf of a constituent through their Commonwealth local Parliamentarian.

The concept of administration of the law seems to be wider than that of enforcement and the Adoption Acts around Australia are clearly part of the law being administered in each State. When that law is being illegally and unlawfully broken in individual States, the enforcement of the Commonwealth Constitution by the Commonwealth Government is paramount.

Governor General is over and above even the Parliament. It is a vital safeguard for all Australians. The Crown is at the head of **all** our great departments of all Parliaments, the Public Service, the judiciary and defense force.

"The Crown is the ultimate and untouchable protector of all our freedoms, our Constitution and our democracy. (Dr. Shiel, the Constitutional Conference February 1998 transcript page 7)

"The federal system in itself with its division of power is another vital safeguard (The late Hon. Vernon Wilcox former Attorney General Victoria Parliament 1973-1976)"

The Governor General can prorogue (over rule) politicians. Certainly the Constitution was broken as the safeguard for natural mothers and their babies was denied therefore the Governor General and the Commonwealth Government (politicians) failed natural mothers and their babies.

> **117.** A subject of the Queen, resident in any State, shall not be subject in any other State to any disability or discrimination which would not be equally applicable to him if he were a subject of the Queen resident in such other State.

Public support for the constitutional structure should not be taken for granted. It requires an ongoing political commitment to ensuring that the Constitution enables and remains relevant to the realisation of national aspirations and goals. One hundred years ago, the drafters of the Constitution recognised this. They included in the Constitution a mechanism that would enable the Australian people, in partnership with the Federal Parliament, to reform and update the Constitution.

When should the law and Constitution be taken over by the politicians? **Never.** When and where can the line be drawn? **The Line is drawn when truth is hidden.** Once a line is drawn in the sand and stepped over to the other side of truth– there was and never will be an opportunity to step back over the line – **because the line of truth has disappeared.**

Natural mothers' know the truth and have never stepped over the line causing the line of truth to disappear. With the Commonwealth Inquiry it is time the **line of truth was redrawn back into the sand for all to see.**

Our decisions should have been respected some 40+ years ago and if they had of been we would not be preparing submissions for an Inquiry into **forced adoptions today**.

The High Court is already protecting rights through its interpretation of the Constitution and the common law

Reference: Kinley, David, ed., *Human rights in Australian law: principles, practice and potential*, Federation Press, Leichhardt, NSW, 1998.

Williams, George, *Human rights under the Australian Constitution*, Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 1999.

The Commonwealth Government has breached the Constitution many times and it is hoped that not too much attention may be given to **Revocation Period** giving members of the committee the wrong idea of what it really meant. Revocation Period was put in place in 1964/65 in Victoria to protect infertile couples during their 'initial period' of bonding with the baby. If the infertile couple did not bond with the baby the baby WAS **RETURNED TO THE adoption agency AND THE MOTHER NEVER NOTIFIED.**

Statistics from Department of Welfare (Victoria) show the statistics of those babies returned from infertile couples. The baby was once again inflicted 'separation' and handed over to the infertile couple THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE BABY WOULD STAY WITH THOSE PERSONS. These infertile couples CONTROLLED THE ADOPTION SCENE *i.e. no I don't like that baby here take it back*. Many babies suffering a further 'separation' at the hands of the infertile couples and adoption agencies

COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION and the Federal Government's responsibilities towards unmarried natural mothers and their babies

On May 10, 1901 Lord Hopetoun's speech to the newly elected Commonwealth Government foreshadowed the measures which would put into effect the provisions of the CONSTITUTION. The Commonwealth accepted responsibility for pensions and social services. They delegated responsibility to each State through Commonwealth funding for pensions and benefits and it was not until

1973 that the Commonwealth Government took responsibility back from each State therefore all Pensions and Benefits were paid directly from the Commonwealth Government to the recipient (the same today).

Simultaneously with the 1946 Commonwealth election voters' approval was sought for amendments to the constitution. The first proposed was designed to continue **existing federal social services.** The acceptance by voters of the proposed **empowered the Federal Government to set up a national health service.** Unmarried mothers were not allowed to receive the same amount of pension as a Widow but in 1973 the Prime Minister Gough Whitlam **UPGRADED** the unmarried mothers' benefits in line with a **Class A Pension – widows.** He further took back the **Commonwealth Government's responsibility to distribute Pension Payments** which had previously been delegated to State Governments to distribute Commonwealth welfare payments.

In March 1979 after a major backlash of negative opinions, **the two major income support schemes for sole parents e.g. the supporting parents benefits and the Class A Widow's pension were amalgamated to form the sole parents pension.** It was structured into base pension plus additional. Claims lodged by September 30, 1973 received retrospective payments. As at July 1973 101,000 mothers in Australia received the Class A widows pension Commonwealth Government.

AGE OF MAJORITY

In Victoria the Age of Majority Act was enacted in 1977. This Act amended much other Legislation within Victoria including the Adoption Act of 1964 No 7174 including sections 4, 6 and 9. The age of the child was amended to read 'eighteen years of age' from 'the age of twenty-one years."

Unmarried natural mothers and fathers had the right to apply to the Courts for permission to marry if their parents refused to consent to such a marriage. ***Division 4 Minors of the Marriage Act 1957 Victoria states 43 (3) (i)***

> *if the person about to celebrate the marriage is satisfied that the consent of any person whose consent is required pursuant to paragraph (a) of this sub-section cannot be obtained by reason of absence or inaccessibility or by reason of his being under any disability the necessity for the consent of that person shall be dispensed with, if there is any other person whose consent is also required pursuant to the said paragraph (a); and, if the consent of no other person is required, a guardian of minors may on application in the prescribed form[(a)] being made to him consent to the marriage.*

The Social Worker was to be available to assist people and there is no recording of any Social Worker advising a young mother and her partner that they could apply under this section of the marriage act for courts permission to marry.

Further the social worker did not advise unmarried natural mothers their rights under the ***Maintenance Act 1958 No. 6300*** which also covered *confinement expenses.*

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS - VICTORIA

A birth certificate is only a consequence of the **PATRICULARS OF BIRTH FORM submitted to the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages.**

Prior to the Adoption Act 1964 it had been the custom for families (married) to register their own children's' births, but with the enactment of the Act hospitals adopted the policy of registering ALL baby's births whether the mother was married or not. This practice changed at the time of the enactment of the Adoption Act 1984with the responsibility of registering the baby's birth being left to the parents either married or unmarried.

INFORMATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS - VICTORIA

This form was brought to a drugged affected unmarried natural mother in the hospital; the father's section had been crossed out. **Hospital social workers did not want the father's name registered because if his name was registered the baby could no longer be a statistic in their baby adoption trade.**

On the back of all Information form for registration of births it is stated

> **"***Birth of a child whose parents are not married". If he wishes, a father who is not married to the mother of a child may, with the mother's consent, be registered as the father of the child. The child's surname appearing in the birth registration entry can then with the mother's permission, be the surname of the father.*
>
> *The signature of person supplying information* ***should be the signature of the mother*** *and where both parents desire the father to be registered* ***the father should sign the additional certification at the foot of the information form.'***

The 'parties' in the segregation chamber and the abductees holding room continued their unlawful practices with others such as the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, endorsing the illegal and unlawful practices. No Registrar in their right mind could ignore what was passing through his office during the 1950-1970 periods and not fly a flag of concern and ask questions.

By not raising concerns, it is believed that the Registrar becomes part of the illegal and unlawful practices. Ignorance of the law was and still isn't an excuse. (See comment below from NSW Birth Registrar).

In 1980 the organization National Council for Single Mothers and her Child in Victoria assisted a Victorian mother whose baby was adopted in New South Wales to amend the original the baby's birth certificate by adding the natural father's name. The following is the reply she received from the J.B. Holliday, Principal Registrar, Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages 27 May 1980.

"I refer to your letter of 10th May 1980 concerning addition of the particulars of the natural father to the record of birth of a child who was ***surrendered for legal adoption.***

It cannot be accepted that you were not given the opportunity to have particulars of the father included in the registration of birth of your first child AS THE LAW HAS ALWAYS ALLOWED FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY.

It is not the practice to record the natural parentage of a child who has been legally adopted by other persons unless those natural parents have since married each other. In any event, the re-registration following adoption remains the prime record and the source of any certificate issued for satisfactory reason."

Whilst the above is about NSW, the natural mother is Victoria; it was felt it is important information for the Senate Inquiry Members to absorb especially the words

IT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED THAT YOU WERE NOT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PARTICULARS OF THE FATHER INCLUDED ETC.

Why would Mr. Holliday express such a personal opinion in his official capacity?

HE IS CONFIRMING WHAT SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED AND DIDN'T

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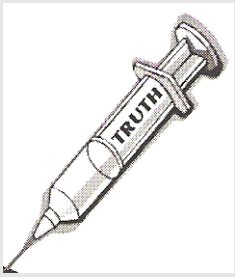
The father's name was recorded on many natural mothers' hospital records THUS THESE BABIES COULD NOT BE ENTERED ILLEGALLY INTO THE ADOPTION TRADE. **It was the mother's decision to decide to include the father's name and NOT the social worker/s BUT IN HER DRUGGED CONDITION A MOTHER HAD NO DEFENSE TO FIGHT BACK.**

Where the social workers/doctors had the young father over a barrel – was the **mother's permission was required enabling his name to be included on the Particulars of Birth Form – many young father's incorrectly informed that the natural mother DID NOT WANT TO INCLUDE THEIR NAME.**

An unmarried natural mother could not use the name of the father without his signature and permission. He was required to *certify* *that the information was correct. This procedure placed more responsibility on the social worker under the law – BUT SHE IGNORED THE LAW AND LEFT THE FATHER OUT OF THE CIRCLE. AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME, THE MOTHER'S BABY was HIDDEN FROM HER AND EMOTIONAL BLACK MAIL USED – YOU SIGN THE CONSENT YOU CAN SEE YOUR BABY. Unconscionable actions.*

Blackmail – is a crime – to hold a baby for ransom (signed consent form) is a serious crime. Blackmail – bribery – corruption, inducement, enticement, buying-off, etc. etc. etc.

In the past some confusion has arisen because an unmarried natural mother was never informed of this protocol/procedure and many unmarried natural mothers have not been able to understand why the name of their

baby's father was excluded. Now further truth is injected into the Senate Inquiry. 

More lies and deceit – because a young mother was in no state to make ANY DECISIONS let alone to include the father's name and to understand the protocols involved. i.e. the unmarried mother had the legal right to have the baby's surname recorded in her name or if the father's name was included – it was still the mother's right to chose the baby's surname – i.e. either her family surname or the father's. No original birth certificate **can ever (now or any time into the future) be amended in any way without the permission of the natural mother.**

It has been stated in the past, that natural mothers received a copy of the original birth certificate BUT THAT IS A FURTHER LIE because the 'system' did not want the mother to be reminded of the birth in any way.

(This protocol and procedure was confirmed by the Commonwealth Government's representative attending the United Nations 4 seminars on Unmarried Mothers' Law and Practice. It has been raised that this document has not been ratified – this document was not required to be ratified by any Nations as Seminars are recorded as Law and Practices around the world – and Australia was represented at these Seminars and stated (and it is recorded) the Australian law regarding unmarried mothers law and practice in Australia.) This covered ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES OF AUSTRALIA.

The use of the word '*illegitimate*' on the registration of birth form Haddon-Storey – Attorney General Victoria Government on 18 April 1976 advised Ms. (...) **National Council for the Single Mother and her Child that:**

> **"***I have asked the Chief Secretary for information and he has advised me as follows:*
>
> *"Consequent upon the coming into operation of the Status of Children Act 1974 the Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1971 were amended to provide for the removal from the form of birth registration of the word 'illegitimate' and the substitution of the words if the father is not married to the mother". However it was not considered practical or indeed economical to withdraw from circulation, the large stocks of forms which had been previously distribution through the State. These obsolete forms will eventually disappear from use".*

This can only be seen as a despicable act of prejudice against babies born outside marriage because the large stocks of forms were still in circulation (which should have been removed in 1971) in 1976 some 5 years later displaying the word illegitimate when the Status of Children Act amended the word to ex-nuptial.

A birth certificate is not generated for an adoption but is capable of being made relevant to the adoption process.

An unmarried natural mother and her new born are legally recognized as mother and daughter/son by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages and their domicile (home, residence, dwelling, abode, address) is the mother's address as stated on the Particulars of Birth Registration Form.

The birth certificate confirms the story that a mother has given birth to her baby and they are residing together at the domicile address of the mother. That was untrue but should have been the truth. These original birth certificates were later amended (in 1990's) when the Attorney-General head of the Department of Justice by placing the natural father's name on the birth certificate with his permission. A natural mother needed to give permission for the father's name to be included and in doing so both mother and father filled out the required forms for his name to be included on the original birth certificate.

It is understood that the father's name could have previously been added to the original birth certificate with **the permission of the natural adult.** That was amended with the natural mother's permission to be given and not the permission of the natural child. This was an enormous step forward – because the natural child (adult adoptee) never used the original birth certificate – because during her adopted life – the certificate did not exist.

This amendment has been an important contribution to the healing of natural mothers/fathers assisting them in turning away from the evil darkness inflicted in their past and opening a door that will lead to triumph in their life.

The deliberate 'exclusion' of the natural father's name on the original birth certificate – allowed the well planned abduction to go without a hitch.

The word of those parties responsible for the illegal and unlawful policies and practices towards unmarried natural mothers and their babies became a container for **power that was never challenged.**

Hospital permanent birth registers

Amazingly, the hospital records show that an unmarried natural mother entered hospital in a pregnant state – gave birth (register confirms) **but there are no records in the discharge register (permanent) of her leaving the hospital nor a record in the discharge register (permanent) of when her baby left the hospital.**

Under evidence that means that the mother and baby are still some 40 years later within the hospital environment. I don't think so but the hospital administration *deliberately had a system in place of not recording the discharge of the mother in their permanent discharge register or the recording of the discharge of the baby in their permanent discharge register.*

A married mother's discharge with her baby is recorded but not an **unmarried natural mother's. It is also this evidence that clearly points to the illegal and unlawful practices being undertaken by the hospital. Confirmation was received at the following meeting.**

A natural mother in 1997 met with the Monash Medical Centre (formerly Queen Victoria Hospital) QC and Senior Medical Officer to discuss the abduction of her baby (no consent form had been signed agreeing to separation from baby at birth).

It was confirmed there were no hospital records of when her baby left the hospital, who took her baby from the hospital or where her baby was taken. The solicitor advised that on examining the evidence it was legally indisputable and would be incontestable in the court of law that the mother's baby had been abducted from the hospital – therefore a crime had been committed under the Crimes Act.

ADOPTION AGENCY

During discussions with the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau Social Worker during the 1960's she advised that she could receive a telephone call from the social worker at the Queen Victoria Hospital (she was a person of few words and stern was the description given from the CFWB social worker) and advised that

"*There is one of your babies ready to be picked up from here*"

This meant that the mother was a Catholic and the baby was a catholic baby. The CFWB social worker would immediately hire a taxi – travel to the Queen Victoria Hospital – pickup the baby **without signing any paper work** – leave the hospital – and travel via taxi to St. Joseph's Babies Home in Broadmeadows and place the baby in the care of the Josephite Nuns. **That is a clear crime of abduction – not once (first time within the labour ward) 2nd time – from the hospital by the CFWB Social Worker – and the 3rd time - baby hidden from the natural mother within the walls of the Babies Home in Broadmeadows.**

Note: If a baby through the CFWB adoption agency was given to a regional prospective adoptive family – the responsibilities were TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' in the regional area. This is a further breach of the Adoption Act 1964 because the legislation clearly outlines responsibilities of adoption agencies and if a natural mother placed her baby into the care of the CFWB IT HAD TO REMAIN IN THEIR CARE – they were made temporary guardian during the 'trial period' with prospective adoptive parents – THEY **BROKE THE LAW BY TRANSFERRING THE BABY INTO THE CARE OF ANOTHER ADOPTION AGENCY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE MOTHER WHO STILL HAD PARENTAL RIGHTS UP UNTIL THE ADOPTION ORDER WAS GRANTED. THEY ALSO LEGALLY BROKE THE ADOPTION ACT 1964 LEGISLATION IN WHICH THEY WERE ACCOUNTABLE FOR SUCH ACTIONS.**

Such illegal actions by an adoption agency was only discovered as a result of a natural mother searching for her baby some 18 years later. She was advised of the very sad death of her baby (at 4 months old) in a regional area. This mother had placed her baby into the care of the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau Melbourne and had never been notified of the death (her name registered as mother on the death certificate) had never been notified that he had never been adopted – funeral mass and service and burial were held without her permission and even to the point, that the CFWB endeavoured to cover up the death by having the baby buried under a false name. (See notes on Cemetery and Crematorium new Legislation). Such actions were illegal and unlawful. Within the short life of one little angel – so many laws broken by so many people resulting in several acts of injustice towards the natural mother and her baby and the authorities just want to 'gag' the natural mother when she was advised of the tragic death of her baby.

The world knew about the death of her baby – her name listed as mother because it was public record listed on the Deaths till 1985 data base. Outrageous set of circumstances with nobody accepting responsibility.

A further action without the mother's consent was her baby was Baptised (Catholic sacrament) by the local priest and even up till today – a mother cannot obtain a copy of her baby's Baptismal certificate. A mother further denied the right to be present at her baby's baptism and the right to choose her godparents. It is this original baptismal certificate that is valid and when a baptismal certificate is required for future Catholic sacraments – Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage – it is the original baptismal certificate that is produced.

The adoptive parents may have had the right to rename our babies on adoption and a new birth certificate produced but under ***Canon Law*** *a baby is only received into the Catholic fold once – and it is the original baptismal certificate that is required to be produced.*

It is for that reason that the natural mother is refused a copy of the baptismal church register and a copy of the baptismal register held at the Babies Home.

For a Catholic young unmarried natural mother not being present at her own baby's baptismal ceremony is an indictment on the complete '*baby farming' system* ***that was set up following Judge Sholl's decision.***

A social worker was not acting in the best interest of the baby but in the best interest of her client – prospective adoptive parents.

The bar of lies

The social worker stated on the form she lodged after the 30 days at the Court that

"she verily believed that the mother understood

The reason the natural mother was required to apply to the courts to revoke her consent is because the adoption social worker recorded in the courts the availability of a young baby for adoption approx. 30 days after the birth. This enable the social worker to place a young baby in prospective adoptive parents' arms for a trial period giving both parties to **revoke the placement** before an adoption application was made.

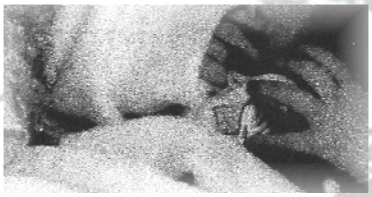
How was it possible for a natural mother to know it was necessary to apply to a court also how could she know?

- How to apply to the court
- where to apply to the court
- gain knowledge on what court to apply to
- learn the procedures and expenses involved

whilst still recovering from the drugged state she had been placed in controlling her hormone levels as if nothing had happened to her body (i.e. given drugs to stop her milk) and placing her brain into a state similar to amnesia and/or hypnotic (rhythmic, magnetic) symptoms.

The answer

SHE WAS NEVER TOLD BECAUSE HER BABY WAS IN MOST CASES



ALREADY IN THE ARMS OF PROSPECTIVE

ADOPTIVE PARENTS (see adoption figures below as confirmation)

The adoption industry would not be embarrassed nor would it be disrupted by a natural mother who had already been discarded by the Social Workers. Adoptive parents were informed that a new birth certificate would be issued (the original birth certificate DESTROYED) following the adoption order and that their baby would never know their natural mother or any details surrounding the birth.

Repeating point - myths by the experts has been 'sent out into the adoption industry' that **mothers did not receive a copy of their consent because it was given to their own parent instead.**

That is further tragedy to think that today's experts need to continue to add lies upon lies instead of facing the truth. In order to justify the wrongs of the past, people still need to lie.

LIES LIES AND MORE LIES.

Unmarried mothers were told that the original birth certificate would be destroyed once the adoption order was made. Another brainwashing technique used adding to lies **because under the Department of Justice legislative responsibilities,** no registered birth certificate can **ever be** destroyed. Such destruction would be illegal and unlawful. Note: what is amazing on reflection is that the 'experts' between 1950 – 1970 who were players in these illegal and unlawful abusive actions, must have thought their **drugs planned and injected into unmarried mothers WOULD WORK and we would not remember. HOW WRONG WERE THEY THEN AND HOW WRONG THEY ARE NOW?**

COURT CASES REFERRING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BABY when the either the father or the mother also apply to the court at the same time of the adoption order hearing to either dispense with the mother's consent or to hear the application of a natural father.

There are many legal cases available for researching under the Adoption Act 1964 and the many decisions made. Further cases include the adoption of Vietnamese infants who arrived in Australia by a special charter flight on 5 April 1975.

The following legal confirmations are important to record

Guardian – the courts within Victoria –

> '*have long been familiar with the situation in which a child may have one or bother parents alive and also a guardian; the guardian may have powers that encroach on the normal rights of the parents, but the existence of natural parents still exist under the adoption order".* Judgment 28 February 1977 – Blackburn J in the Supreme Court.

Transcript – On 4 October 1977 a Professor Law (his name withheld under Privacy Rules) of the Australian National University – Faculty of Law advised National Council of Single Mothers and her Baby – Policy Officer that – following

receipt of a court transcript from (...) (Senior Social Worker – Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne)

"There is no point of great legal significance in the case. The mother of an ex-nuptial child had consented to adoption, and the father instigated an application for custody by his parents in an attempt to prevent the adoption, The attempt was unsuccessful as the judge took an unfavourable view of the father and his parents.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the transcript is that the judge and counsel seem to have been quite insensitive to the feelings of the parties and witnesses – this comment may amount to contempt of court!.)

The above speaks for itself and is evidence as to the attitude shown in the courts by Judges dealing with applications for adoption by a natural parent or family.

Such a decision CONFIRMS JUDGE SHOLL'S DECISION AND OPINION IN 1958 OF UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHERS therefore natural fathers and others were up against insensitive attitudes.

Acts of Sexual Abuse

Where was the 'watch dog' for an unmarried natural mother when she needed one? Whilst the Nation's laws on sexual abuse were inadequate in the period 1950-1970 – Law Reforms on a community's inadequate sexual laws commenced in 1970 **when the sexual abuse of unmarried mothers was coming to light.** (Ref Victoria Law Reports Consolidated Index and Tables 1861-1996 TRR346.4945V4 (1997)

It is impossible to detail the sexual abuse suffered but summing it up – internal examinations with naked physical exposure to a group of medical students – allowed to use the body of an unmarried natural mother – as a play sexual toy – examining as they pleased – hands placed repeatedly inside the mother's body and in many cases with instruments – fondling of breasts - to learn *skills. Mothers were used as a component and were subjected to group sexual abuse that commenced to come to light in 1970.*

In Victoria new Law Reforms were put in place over time, to stop this unlawful sexual abuse on unmarried mothers (and other sexual abuse offences in Society). It must be recorded that these acts of abusive sexual treatment on young girls had a devastating affect on their future sexual relationships.

All counts of sexual abuse committed on unmarried natural mothers WERE KNOWN and still nobody did anything.

Sexual abuse term is used to refer to physical assault of a sexual nature towards another person where that person DOES NOT GIVE CONSENT or is FORCED AS A RESULT OF INTIMIDATION or fraud. Under the Victorian Crimes Act these actions include crimes of indecent assault.

Public Debate

The public debate regarding past adoptions has created an atmosphere where adopted parents, past adoption workers and authorities are deliberately misleading their audience by twisting the truth of their own actions. They publicly defend what they did in the past instead of either listening to the **truth** that is being presented to them by natural mothers or by acknowledging that the ***righteous stances could have been flawed***.

In many ways this is deliberate obfuscation. These people have manipulated words for their own ulterior purpose knowing full well the meaning of the words that natural mothers are speaking.

> *People who use words to mean whatever they want them to mean at the time but give little or no thought to what that meaning, or what it might mean to anyone else at any other time, are like adolescents sampling the Golden Rule; imputing unto others what they presume others would impute unto them" (Editorial AISI volume 35 No. 4 November 2000)*

No debate or solution can be conclusively undertaken until ***demystification*** becomes the first step.

> "*Once the organising concepts and arguments have been made clear, then the real discussion can begin". Editorial AISI volume 35 No. 4 November 2000)*

When discourse ignores a natural mother's interpretation such as the older tradition that emphasis rights, is at best ineffective and quite likely dangerous. Isaiah Berlin "***Two Concepts of Liberty***" *states*

> *"This is the argument used by every dictator, inquisition and bully who seeks some moral or even aesthetic, justification for his conduct."*

Isaiah Berlin's further words are apt in the discussion on the **separation of mother and baby at birth.**

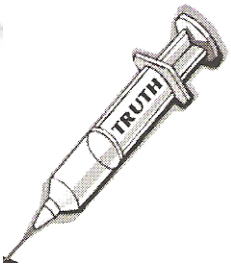
> *"I must do for men (or with them) what they cannot do for themselves, and I cannot ask their permission or consent, because they are in no position to know what is best for them, indeed, what they will permit and accept may mean a life of contemptible mediocrity; or perhaps even their ruin and suicide".*

These past workers had the responsibility to do everything for natural mothers and their babies and unfortunately 'because of what they believe appears that mothers permitted and accepted from these authorities' i.e. in their drugged physical situation has meant a life of contemptible mediocrity, ruin and in many cases suicide.

CHEMICAL RESTRAIN

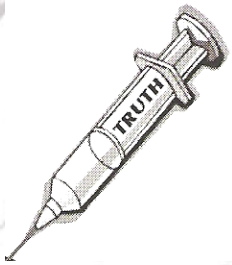
Unmarried natural mothers were subject to ***chemical restrain***t and it is vitally important for this fact to be understood by the members of the Senate Inquiry. An unmarried mother's behavior in entering an act of 'illicit sex' (as defined by Judge Sholl in Victoria) his decision was and still is a ***"gross abuse of an individual's human rights".***

Such gross abuse of the usage of ***'mind controlling drugs'*** following the separation from her baby at birth has resulted in the possibility of **serotonin poisoning of the brain**. The most common forms of physical damage to the brain are closed head injuries such as a blow to the head, a stroke, or **poisoning by a wide variety of chemicals that can act as neurotoxins.**



Thus **abusive treatment of drugs** occurred because the ***system*** (authorities) started with classifying, devaluing young mothers with labels. Whilst the '***scarlet letter'*** was placed around her, there is absolutely no excuse for administering such **chemical restrain**. Further, the doctor involving other persons (such as hospital social workers) during a mother's pre-natal treatment, confinement and time thereafter birth, had no right to do so! Mothers have suffered *shock under force* with no one protecting her – it was all done behind closed doors. **Unmarried natural mothers' rights flew out the window.**

This picture clearly shows what is required to be undertaken by present day medical professionals, social workers, etc. to educate themselves with the truth so any future dealings with natural mothers and their children (adoptee) are not clouded by past lies that created this dark period of our Nation. **..**

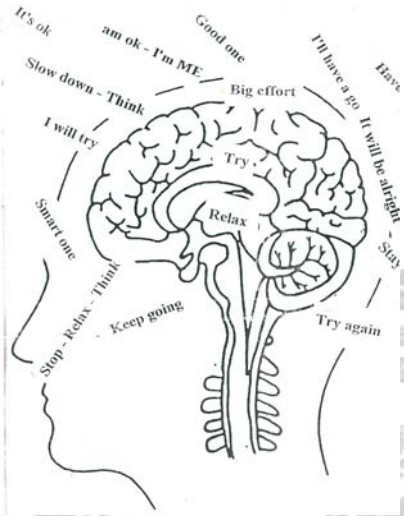


University courses on human relations should include in all national curriculums the truth of the past so that 'tomorrow' workers learn never to repeat it.

Psychoanalysis – is the mind's hidden part – part of the mind containing memories, thoughts, feelings, and ideas that the person is **not** generally aware of but that manifest themselves in dissociated acts.

By the truth being exposed not only into the mental health of many natural mother's today who lost their first born in the labor ward but the truth being exposed into the unethical and immoral actions of all involved in the separation of mother and baby at birth - the Nation will commence to cleanse itself from this dark period of the Nation's past history.

DRUGS illegally and unlawfully injected into UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHERS at the time of the birth of her baby and several days later.



Unmarried natural mothers were used as an experiment of the psychoanalytic theory prior to and there after the abduction of their after birth.

It has become more apparent as more natural mothers gain access to their medical records that record the drugs that have been prescribed. Some natural mothers suffered immense side effects such as lymphoma and Hodgkin disease in natural mothers – with one young mother losing her life several years later as a result of the immense side effects from the drugs prescribed to her. R.I.P. Y and A.

The drugs given to natural mothers interfered with their brain activity functional power of the brain capacity – no instinct feelings. The front lobe needed for reasoning and good judgment. The drugs caused mothers whilst drugged to be prone to impulsive and irrational judgments,

Medical profession and scientists were peddlers exploiting babies and mothers and they knew they were breaking the law. Using drugs to gain **'property'** belonging to another is fraudulent actions.

It was hoped that the thoughts instilled into a young brain (mother) would always be believed and their minds would remember – how wrong they are.

Sadly, many mothers still do believe what was instilled into their minds and still live in silence today.

The manufacture and usage of **Thalidomide –** hypnotics, relaxant drug – **is another reference.** Under the influence of Freud (fraud) theory such treatment was shaped by psychoanalytic theory that understands that depression is an illness to the psyche or the sub conscious, originating in early sexual trauma and resolved by long period of therapy.

How terribly wrong that theory – together with the usage of Thalidomide – was caused one of the largest inhumane treatments of patients in the history of our great country.

To understand the impact of drugs distributed to natural mothers we must look back into the 1950/1960 when pharmacologists commenced clinical studies of the wide range of side affects accompanying drugs their company manufactured. Drug manufacturing companies had to change their approach to researching drugs in the 1970's and stop using humans for experiments. (Refer again to drug experiments on babies in this submission).

Diethylstilbestrol (DES)

Is a known human carcinogen (reviewed by LARC, 1987, Marselos and Tomatis 1992). Carcinogenicity has also been demonstrated in rats, mice, Syrian golden hamsters, Armenian hamsters, dogs and squirrel monkeys (reviewed by LARC, 1987, Marselos and Tomatis 1992) DES shares with genotoxic carcinogens the ability to form tumors.

Natural mothers were given this drug to stop lactation immediately after birth. The manufacturers Eli Lilly and Company have been involved and still are in product liability litigation over DES. Along with other manufacturers' Eli Lilly produced and distributed DES as a FDA approved hormone replacement substance considered beneficent in the prevention of miscarriage.

In 1971 it was established that DES could cause vaginal cancer in the offspring of women who had ingested the drug during pregnancy and prostrate cancer in the offspring of men.

Natural mothers were given this drug **against manufacturer's instructions** thus they cannot be held responsible via litigation for the damages suffered.

> "*Using the drug post delivery reflects a completely different chemical situation as the background oestrogen levels in a lactating woman are extremely low compared to the oestrogen levels during pregnancy which are obviously very high and so the two clinical situations cannot be compared*." (Dr. Pagano stated in a letter to the NSW Inquiry into Past Adoption Practices)

During communications with the manufacturer – they have advised

> *"DES was not manufactured for lactation. It is not manufactured for "oestrogen levels" outside pregnancy only within a pregnancy in the event that a miscarriage was possible. It is used to stimulate the hormones within the body to complete the fully cycle of pregnancy – successfully".*

They have further advised that

> *"they confirm that no documentation ever existed giving permission for medical officers to use DES for lactation. Such incorrect usage of DES can create other side effects in the patient. Unfortunately no studies have been undertaken as to what side effects would take place as using the drug to stop lactation is* ***misuse of the drug".***"

The medical and scientist professions were 'using natural mothers' in another experiment to suit their own needs.

They did not choose **all** unmarried natural mothers for these experiments because their experiments would have become too obvious to the average eye.

On May 11, 1994 Eli Lilly and Company received a letter from Food and Drug Association United States of America indicating that it has broken Federal Regulations when conducting human experiments of the drug **FISLURIDINE.** The trials of this drug was stopped in 1993 – five patients had died and other suffered severe illness.

As an experiment of the psychoanalytic theory natural mothers were also kept in a drugged state for up to 4 days after the birth of her baby. Further drugs used were:

DRUG	EFFECTS
Pethidine	Narcotic analgesic – an agent that produces insensitivity or stupor - the partial or nearly complete unconsciousness. - A medication with tranquilising properties – promote sleep.

Natural mothers (against their will) were placed in a psychological state in which they were incapable of responding to usual environment stimuli. Impairment of consciousness.

Other drugs used were neurology and psychology drugs where mothers suffered inhibition – interference with or prevention of a behavior or verbal response even through the stimulus for response is present.

Toxicant drugs prescribed – caused intoxication.

Allopathic – exhausting vitality

Pentobarbital – pertaining to characterized by or producing anaesthesis and causing partial loss of feeling.

Chordal Hydrate (made up of 2 or more elements)

Amytal – barbituric acid sedative drug.

- Sedative drugs
- Phenobarbital
- Secobarbital
- Pentobarbital
- Butalbital
- Amobarbitar

Benzodiazepines – a medication with tranquilising properties = promote sleep.

Tryptolene

Sodium Pentobarbital

Sodium Amytal – creates and verifies memories created by suggestion.

Sparine

Bethidine

Morphine (1-3 slow IV increments)

Heroin (stronger than morphine – derived from morphine – neuro chemical change to the brain) – semi synthetic.

Many of these drugs brought about disoriented thinking placing mothers in a semi hypnotic state making them extremely vulnerable allowing their minds to be manipulated. This is especially true if they are already in a fragile state.

Mothers' minds were manipulated with suggestive methods planted into their brain convincing them to sign a consent form.

They were place in a semi hypnotic state immediately after birth manipulating their memories to forget they just had given birth.

After several doses of these drugs – the mothers had no defense as their minds were convinced through manipulation.

Medical profession believed a mother would forget she had a baby technically known as **false memory syndrome.**

INHUMANE TREATMENT

Those responsible including nurses dulled mothers capacity for critical thinking, reasoning went out the door, enforcing emotionally suggestion which they forced individuals to submit intellectually.

THEY WERE autonomous individuals – getting lost in their own appetites abasing themselves – sadomasochistic acting in a sinabel way – taking away the freedom and movement of a mother - no different those that carried out one of the largest inhumane treatments of patients in the history of our great country through the experimental use of **THALIDOMIDE.**

Some natural mothers were sterilized – possibly as another experiment – but that will be covered in other submissions.

They used the same formulae Hitler did by the influence of their authoritative image. They smothered and killed the critical capacities of natural mothers like an opiate or outright hypnosis.

These methods of dulling the capacity for a mother's critical thinking are more dangerous to our democracy than many of the open attacks against it and more immoral in terms of human integrity.

Recently an unexpected meeting with a former nurse of the Royal Women's Hospital during the 1960's and when asked if she could contribute to the Senate Inquiry, she advised:

"it would mean reopening the trauma nurses also suffered at the treatment they witnessed and were party to against unmarried mothers."

She added:

> *"that the separation of mother and baby at birth is the most traumatic event that could ever be inflicted on a human being. Mothers as young as 15 were inflicted with grief, pain, heartache and anguish that are impossible for another to imagine and surpasses any other trauma another can suffer. Mothers were not even allowed to see their babies after birth and the baby immediately at birth was denied the loving arms of their mother."*
>
> *"After watching "Find My Family" the television program it brought these illegal and unethical actions into the minds of average Australians who were never aware of what happened in the 60s. The television show also opened up in many nurses' great distress as a result of the hospital and working policies they were forced to carry out." (Conversation on September 18, 2009).*

I understand even more now as I prepare this submission that there was more behind her emotional reaction. As a nurse she would have been well aware of the drug experiments being carried out on natural mothers.

Continuance of inhumane treatment

Our individual selves were sacrificed to the compulsive conforming to accepted patterns.

OESTROGEN

Psycho analysis the unconscious restraining of an instinctual process.

Psycho a branch of science developed by Freud (fraud) and in the study of mental processes and behaviour essentially utilizing free association to formulate key concepts of unconscious motivation, conflict and symbolism - conceptional function thinking in all its form.

They placed natural mothers into a

- Physiological state in which the mother was incapable of responding to usual environment stimuli
- Impairment of consciousness

Injected mothers with Neurology, physiology drugs

- Relating to duty and obligation
- Pertaining to those intentions and action of which right and wrong virtue and vice are predicated or to the rules published

Created Inhibition

- The interference with or prevention of a behavioral or verbal response even though the stimulus for that response is present

Toxic reactions

- Detergent sodium desoxycholat
- High temperature
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Anorescia

Why should natural mothers and anybody else for that matter, be surprised that young mother were drugged because at the same time babies at the orphanages were being experimented with drugs.

Encephalitis symptoms

- Headache
- Vomiting
- High fever
- Gastro intestinal upset

Some interference with conscious processes in to complete coma

Extreme atrophy of the cerebellum

The above inhumane treatment on natural mothers is a serious indictment on our Nation and the Commonwealth Government must accept total responsibility as each natural mother was protected under the Commonwealth Constitution and the **Rule of Law.**

It is hoped that the Commonwealth Senate Inquiry do not have the same reaction as Mr. Tony Abbott did when the truth was revealed about the releasing of contaminated Salk vaccine into our community. (See notes below).

In conclusion OESTROGEN DRUGS

Estradiol - uterus problems
Oestrogen – high concentration of drug

And

EXIGENOUS OESTROGEN drugs cause brain tumors.

The reader has not read a fictional story – it is the TRUTH that unmarried natural mothers were subjected to not only the inhumane treatment within the segregation chamber but were also subjected to extensive drug experiments.

They were easy targets for these MONSTERS – once (...) from the Queen Victoria Hospital and Royal Women's Hospital decided the **modern opinion** (...) **) became the norm against unmarried natural mothers.**

MENTAL ILLNESS

All parties to the Duty of 'Care' of unmarried natural mothers throughout the 1950-1970 periods are still responsible for the ongoing mental health of those that suffer mental illness today.

Such mental illness' include the lack of concentration as many are continually distracted by the trauma they suffered thus affecting their every day life. Some women do not have the ability to focus on a person who is standing talking to them as their mind is continually distracted by the trauma they suffered at the time they were separated from their baby at birth.

Natural mothers in their confusion need to have an answer as to why *'did it happen to me'**?***

Further more research needs to be undertaken into the ***chemical reactions of the forced psycho analysis drugging to the brain*** as a result of the 'combination' of these unethical actions. Devaluing, in all its myriad forms, remains a serious issue in the lives of many women, despite increased awareness of its prevalence and impact over the last 45 years.
Extract from a paper presented by Anna de Jonge, Women's Studies Conference Paper 26 November 2005 about psychiatric human rights violations.

Today, many natural mothers find that talking to a doctor result in being culturally misunderstood, stigmatized further and mistakenly labeled once again.

There are many doctors throughout Australia that do have the 'medical professionalism' to understand a natural mother and **the Australian Medical Association should welcome the opportunity of assist those mothers' whose lives have been so damaged**

by their former colleagues – debriefing them with a very clear understanding of the TRUTH. In other words, free natural mothers from the walls of the labor ward.

The ***misuse of drugs*** was not fully understood until the 1984 Adoption Act was enacted in Victoria when natural mothers were able to obtain a copy of their medical records.

Now we challenge at being wrongly diagnosed as a *'loose young person engaging in illicit sex'* and then prescribed harmful drugs. It will not be until the rest of society, the judge and the law believe it and act upon it as a consequence of the present Commonwealth Senate Inquiry these natural mothers' will not be able to receive the medical treatment they so deservedly require.

Even today, many natural mothers make clear cases against the terrible physical and psychological toxicities that are a result of the psycho drugs used to gain her signature on a consent for adoption form enabling the '**black market of adoption'** to flourish. . The medical practices must be called into question and attention focused on the cruel experiences of so many unmarried natural mothers during 1950-1970 eras.

Mothers were totally unaware what they have written in her file. When a natural mother discovered the lies written in the medical file, it added further shock to the very core of her humanity. An unmarried natural mother can under the Freedom of Information Act have all false misleading information corrected that appears on any of her records (medical, social worker (if they have not been destroyed), particulars of birth form – birth certificate etc.) including those held as part of the records of the adoption.

DISASSOCIATE IDENTITY DISORDER

(formerly known as post-traumatic stress)

Natural mothers have had to live with DID inflicted upon them by not only the medical professionals lack of duty of care but the Commonwealth/State Politicians.

They have had to life with disassociation as a condition that involved disruptions or breakdown of memory awareness identity and or perception.

A young mother had emotional attachment with her baby but through the dissociation (chemistry and neuro psychology) treatment received (well planned) by the use of drugs trying to crease a clinical response to trauma allowing the mother's mind to distance itself from the experience (birth of her baby) that was too much for the psyche to process at that time. It was hoped that these drugs would create amnesia but the medical profession damaged the equilibrium chemistry – mass reaction in the young mother's brain.

These psycho active substances (i.e. nitrous oxide) induced a state of temporary dissociation

"Yes I am a mother"

"No you are not a mother".

"They punished me and as a result of their kindness I have been given another chance to change my life".

The medical profession were autonomous (self-ruling, self-governing, self-sufficient, independent) around Australia with intrusions into the young mothers life of ways of responding or functioning.

It is amazing that DID (perform, accomplish, carry out, complete, achieve, execute, get something done) explains their own actions against natural mothers and their babies.

Natural mothers were supposed to be very grateful to the medical profession for *"another chance to change my life".* Once a mother always a mother no matter what they physiologically brain washed natural mothers to believe.

JUDGES - Courts

Our justice legal system is inherited from Westminster inquisitorial (rather than adversarial). Inquisitorial means judge being both judge and prosecutor and resembling a formal enquiry, especially in using rigorous or relentless questioning.

What is important to note – it was a court decision about unmarried natural mothers and it was the court of law – another judge that approved the destiny of unmarried natural mothers by signing adoption applications. In other words ***it commenced with the courts and it finished with the courts and what happened in between the court ignored.***

One needs to be aware of the fallacy that anything decided by a court must be right and that anything decided by a family court on matters touching family life must be beneficial. This is simply not so. If an instrumentality of any kind is going to assess facts and opinions the important factor is

'who constitutes that group and what level of skill and judgment do they bring to the situation'.

Adversarial described a legal system or preceding that involves conflicting parties or interests. Under an adversarial system it could have been proven that the adoption agency social worker if she had of been the consent taker had a conflict of interests in adoption hearings.

***Injustice** arises when equals are treated unequally and also when unequals are treated equally. (Aristotle following Pluto Laws bk vi, p757)*

Justice/Equality - what sort of differences justify differential treatment

Formal justice consists in the ordering of human relations in accordance with general principles impartially applied.

Substantive justice is often regarded as 'true' justice. As in, you commit a crime, you are punished for it. How you GET to that point (being punished for your crime) is not as important as the fact that said punishment happens."
Source(s): http://forums.jolt.co.uk/showthread.php?threadid=578976

Unmarried natural mothers were judged under Substantive justice following Justice Sholl's decision (unmarried natural mothers guilty of a phantom crime) but they did not commit a crime but were punished. When adoption applications were being heard in camera – because of **substantive justice** – all the evidence was not examined.

They displayed reasonable dispassionate attitudes, abrupt severity of 'tone' against young unmarried natural mothers. Their actions were insulated against questioning. They were untouchable. They embodied the habitual lies told by the authorities – they set aside right action and became part of the crimes – their own ambitions destroyed others. They forgot their own belief in the rightness of their own motives and developed tunnel vision – their motives so deep in their own psychic.

The former Attorney General the Honourable Vernon Wilcox Victoria Parliament under Henry Bolte Premier both now deceased) advised when interviewed

> *"that the adoption agency/social workers were seen by the Court as upstanding citizens and never questioned."*

It can be said that judges do not have the power to distort or destroy the Rule of Law or Common Law of this Nation.

The **code of justice** is responsibility and **justice** is found in the character of each judge carrying out the law. It is not their duty to **fashion and execute laws** that destroy a person's life. The decision of Justice Sholl broke, *bodies, broke hearts and broke many spirits.*

The concept of this Nation's justice must be preserved at all times. *Responsibility must be placed in prospective in administering all the evidence. This did not occur when adoption applications were being heard.*

Violation of moral responsibility not only of the judges but others have failed in their duties and are responsible for the unconscionable and atrocities that were placed in an unmarried natural mother's life. Justice and truth and value of a single human being were ignored.

So many people just looked the other way.

Judges had to legal right to convict innocent unmarried mothers in the way they have been in the past. Our law does not allow anybody to cloak the truth and shield the guilty and nobody can prove a crime against a man who has not committed it.

The phantom crime unmarried natural mothers appear to have committed was a case built up on false statements of witnesses who were either suborned or lied for private reasons. Natural mothers to some degree today are fighting for their own sanity and throughout the Commonwealth Senate Inquiry are pointing out the obvious contradictions in the evidence that was placed against them.

The spotlight of the world press is watching the outcome of this Inquiry and the truthfulness will surface forcing the past cases against unmarried natural mothers separated from their babies at birth ***to collapse.***

No judge sitting at any court bench whether Supreme, County or Magistrate's Court can label and/or stigmatise another human being resulting in that group of people being drugged with Neuroleptic (reducing nerve activity and producing a tranquillising effect) drugs and there after deprived of humanity. Many adult natural mothers separated from their babies at birth have **never been treated as normal again by the medical establishment.**

Judge Sholl's decision against unmarried natural mothers created devaluing effects on unmarried natural mothers not only physical, emotional, psychological but also economic. The Commonwealth Constitution protects **all citizens from such barbaric treatment** therefore the Commonwealth Government must accept their responsibilities into the **forced adoption industry.**

COMMONWEALTH CONSTITUTION

(forgotten in the Court)

The Constitution protects the right of freedom of each citizen in certain spheres.

The Constitution does not allow freedom for people to sell drugs, child abuse nor does it allow for the privacy of individuals to be violated at the '*whim*' of politicians or hospital administration, medical profession and any other organization with vested interests in abduction of newly born babies from unmarried mothers.

Passion and self interest is a threat to liberty

Judge Sholl gave the medical profession, health workers, hospital Management Boards etc an open book on the future treatment of unmarried natural mothers. On the balance of probability Judge Sholl did not intend for this to happen to unmarried natural mothers in Victoria but he gave the authorities the opportunity to take over as soon as the chance was given. Judge Sholl also gave the 'adoption industry' the open door for the assessment and treatment of unmarried natural mothers as soon as the young natural mother entered the hospital for treatment prior to the birth of the baby, therefore she was under the doctor's control and all unmarried **natural mothers' rights** no longer existed.

"The System"

Judge Sholl in Victoria allowed the System to be set up to fail unmarried natural mothers and can only be recorded and seen as **negligence on the part of a law representative of our Court system.**

Judge Sholl's decision took away natural mothers' rights and since the Government system placed natural mothers into the 'illegal and unlawful system – it has a responsibility to help natural mothers' to regain a degree of recovery. Natural mothers can never be cured from their living grief, pain and suffering, but those that need help to undertake a better life despite continuing to suffer such living grief, **must receive an individual free debriefing through a qualified person and support.**

No judge we are made to believe, asked a valid question to those before him regarding the circumstances i.e. validity of the natural mother's consent and why in so many cases brought before them, no natural father's consent appeared – and of the mother and father. This cannot be an accepted practice of the judges that heard in camera the prospective adoptive parent's application for adoption. The Adoption Acts required the Judge to ask such questions.

The validity of the consent was the first step a Judge had to take. Against are we led to believe that Judges' accepted every consent as being valid and not one was given under undue influence or duress? That speaks for itself and requires no further comment.

Judges must make amends to those that have been wronged – natural mother/father and child. It therefore appears that an adversarial system does not always

- serve the public
- interprets the law in line with human rights

Bad law does not make for good justice and judges do not have the authority to distort the law. Natural mother/father and her baby were compromised by the Justice system.

Law confusion – **Jurists** are concerned *solely with* ***quid juris –*** *what of right*

Sociologists *are only concerned with* **quid facti** – in the sense of reducing social facts to the relation of forces.

What does Sociologists mean by law?

> *"Regime of adjusting relations and ordering conduct carried on through the institutions and agencies of a politically organized society, in accordance with a system of authoritative technique, by means of a judicial or an administrative process, or by both."*

The law was written that STAY OF ADOPTION proceedings could be passed ***at any adoption application hearing. Mothers/fathers had the legal right to know when the adoption hearing was taking place – placing an application before the court for a Stay of Adoption proceedings.***

This law should have been enacted immediately upon the marriage of the parents of the baby. Many father's accepted **paternity** and were denied the right to determine and declare paternity before the court at the time of an adoption application hearing.

It is perfectly clear that the social worker **ignored** all parts of the law because the **separation of mother and baby at birth was a well orchestrated crime enhancing the adoption trade I.E. BABY FARMING.**

If the judges had of taken a more vigorous approach – injustices would not have happened but because of their past actions – many cases of miscarriage of justice has occurred.

It was the Judges responsibility to see justice was done. It appears they purposely were destructive of the law or did they receive political interference by The Executive – if they received political interference they should have resisted it. It was their responsibility to ensure justice was done. Political compromise.

"Newton provision – the judge has the right to examine 'a witness' and deal with a matter that is appropriate and such witnesses included the medical profession and workers at the hospital because the Adoption Act is enacted in two parts – and it was the judge's duty to examine both parts of the Adoption Act.

It was also their responsibility to get to the truth and raise the law of cause. Attempting to deliver justice under what pressure?

Judges were the servants of the Crown not an instrument of the Victorian Government.

WITNESSES FOR THE CROWN

Unmarried natural mothers are witnesses for the Crown. Many were so weakened by the chronic drugging and sexual abuse it has affected her ability at times to make rational decisions, judgment or premeditated decisions throughout her life. In a moment of stress some mothers can still enter into a state of sorrow, grief, suffering and pain once again.

Judges who resided over the applications from prospective adoptive parents – it was their duty and it still is to dispense justice. THEY ARE GUILTY OF FORJUDGE LAW.

Definition of Forjudge Law – to judge a matter before knowing all the facts or evidence - To deprive a person of a thing or right by a judgment. (Osborn;s Concise Law Dictionary – Seventh Edition by Roger Bird 1983 – First edition 1927)

"To deprive a person of a thing or right by a judgment."

They were bound

"who sits to administer Justice according to the law"?

It must not be forgotten they were appointed from the ranks of practicing barristers. Prior to their appointments did any of them act for adoption clients? They had the law and authority to deal with wrong doings – they showed blatant bias towards young natural mothers. Laws were in place but nobody enforced them or were they acting under the INSTRUCTIONS OF JUDGE SHOLL that natural mothers had engaged in illicit sex.

Wording in Victoria's Constitution Act 1975 – Section 3

Laws of England to be applied in the administration of justice

(1) Subject to the Imperial Acts Application Act 19222 all laws and statutes in force within the realm of England on the 25th day of July, 1828 (not being inconsistent with any law now in force) shall be applied in the administration of justice in the courts of Victoria, so far as they can be applied within Victoria.

(2) If any doubt arises as to the application of any such laws or statutes in Victoria, it shall be lawful for the Parliament by Act to declare whether such laws or statutes shall be deemed to extend to Victoria, and to be in force within Victoria, or to make and establish such limitations and modifications of such laws and statutes within Victoria as may be deemed expedient in that behalf.

It is worth noting that following the amendments to the Adoption Act of 1958 other Acts were needed to be amended in line with the Adoption Act 1958.

The ***Maintenance Act of 1957 Section 43 (3) (i),*** The Social Worker was aware that a young natural mother would need assistance to apply to the courts for maintenance. Many fathers were prepared to pay maintenance for their baby but ignored by the Social Worker. If the natural fathers were willing to pay then it is no wonder that the Social Workers did not assist natural mothers through the process to obtain Maintenance from those that had not put up their hand of responsibility.

The enactment of the 1964 and later the 1984 Adoption Acts were seen as progressive development of the Adoption Act NOT THE LAW.

If the baby was not placed for adoption in first 12 months – natural mother was to be notified and her consent needed to be reviewed. Did Judges query these circumstances?

Their habits included abandon principles for political favor. The law was clear and they failed as law officers and human beings. Judicial prejudice was created by Judge Sholl against what he believed were young mother's involvement in illicit sex and the young woman was an impoverished young mother.

Prima facie cases exist under any test of subjective or objective actions.

PROGRAM FOUR CORNERS 1971 MEDIA FOOTAGE

This program gives graphic images of the treatment unmarried mothers received in the labour ward which was and still are illegal and unlawful practices and procedures that were carried out against unmarried natural mothers and their babies. A copy of the footage is not included with this submission as the Committee will more than likely receive several copies of this despicable footage with other submissions. If not a copy can be provided on request.

Whilst all footage is relevant to the submission, several scenes are highlighted below.

- The very disturbing footage of a young unmarried natural mother in labor held down with shackles etc. sums up the illegal and unlawful protocols that unmarried natural mothers were subjected to. This inhumane treatment is clearly shown and there cannot be any viewer finding such treatment acceptable. Even an animal is not held down in the same manner, when giving birth to its litter.

- *The Scarlet Letter placed around the unmarried natural mother's neck to wear for the rest of her life because she had what they called 'illicit sex outside marriage' and often referred to as a deviant - thus embarrassing her for having done something wrong – to punish and to influence certain behavior in a way undertaken without a good reason.*

A scarlet letter "A" standing for an unfair punishment, a cruel method of changing behavior in accordance with some psychologists. Further a scarlet letter was

placed around an unmarried natural mother's neck as a sign of shame.

The removal of this scarlet letter **is imperative** and acknowledgement that the actions and opinions of (...) etc were totally shameful, illegal and unlawful. Mothers' were not criminals and placing 'shame and abuse' to simply correct behavior on another human being is inhumane. Attached to all submissions to be received by the Senate Committee is the return of the Scarlet letter given to each unmarried natural mother whose baby was abducted in the labor ward immediately after birth (refer also to Dr. Arthur Chesterfield-Evans' letter to Ms. Brenda Lee)

Consent Taking

There are three pages to the consent form placed in front of a young unmarried natural mother to sign (confirmed in footage).

Until this present day it is strongly believed that NO NATURAL MOTHER EVER RECEIVED A COPY OF THE COMPLETE CONSENT FORM.

Mothers have received the **front page of the signed consent form and no other pages. Where are the other 2 pages of a mother's consent form? It is possible that Page 3 of the shown (correct) consent form may have been the document that was signed and presented to the court once the revocation period had passed.**

IMPORTANT - On page 2 of the consent form it displayed a complete list of persons authorised to witness consents. The qualifications of the witness entered on the Consent Form must be identical to that given on the verifying affidavit. Eligibility for Australia Association Social Workers membership was INSUFFICIENT QUALIFICATION. (Ref: Adoption Manual – Department of Social Welfare 1965 – copy obtained from Department of Human Services Library 1997)

Therefore the hospital social workers appeared in court lodging their verifying affidavit and also appeared at the adoption application hearing –

SO FROM THE VERY FIRST MOMENT OF CONTACT WITH THE NATURAL MOTHER IN A DRUGGED CONDITION – the natural mother was ambushed and no where to go for assistance. THE SAME PERSON!!!! WHO IGNORED THE FATHER AS WELL - A very well orchestrated abduction scheme.

Why has pages 2 and 3 been withheld from mothers?

During the film it shows the manner in which consents were supposed to be taken – but it did not happen that way. It also confirms **that there were three pages to a consent form and NO CARBON PAPER WAS USED SO THAT A MOTHER COULD OBTAIN A COPY OF IT UPON SIGNING.** The law required and still does, that upon signing a document the person signing it – is given an IMMEDIATE copy of the signed form. UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHERS WERE NEVER GIVEN A FULL COPY OF THE CONSENT FORM so therefore the question must be asked

> *"why did unmarried natural mothers NEVER RECEIVE A COPY OF THEIR CONSENT which advised them **in writing of their rights** to revoke the consent?"*

- ***Attached are Guidelines for workers assisting parents in completing a consent to an adoption order Section 28 1964 Adoption Act Victoria*** Adoption Manual – Department of Social Welfare 1965 – copy obtained from Department of Human Services Library 1997)

Upon sighting these documents the Committee will understand that the procedures were never carried out.

Social Worker Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne - (...) states in the footage

> "*that the hospital (Royal Women's hospital) was unable to house all the babies one week after the babies were born it was placed into the arms of the prospective adoptive parents."*

(The footage shows prospective adoptive parents arriving at the hospital and receiving a baby from a doctor **ONE WEEK AFTER THE BABY'S BIRTH**). **They had no authority either legally or morally to give babies away in such a short space of time.**

In the history of the Royal Women's hospital Melbourne – the following contradicts her 'staged performance' in the Four Corners program and it is recorded that:

> "*The babies could not be kept at the hospital for weeks or even months – the costs were prohibitive and carers were now more aware of the emotional damage done to babies who were never cuddled or talker to.* (...) *of the Social Work Department organised a network of women who took babies into their homes on a voluntary basis to care for them until they could be adopted". *Sex and Sufferings Women's Health and a Women's Hospital –* (...) *Values page 325).*

These above changes were brought about as the hospital could not place all the babies available for adoption, especially after the new Adoption Act reduced the number of adoption agencies. Further under the 1964 Adoption Act **social workers were prohibited from handing over newly born babies of 7 days old to prospective adoptive parents – AGAIN THE BREAKING NOT ONLY OF THE ADOPTION ACT BUT THE LAW.**

IMPORTANT:

ALL CONSENTS WERE NOT SIGNED BY UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHERS WITHIN A HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT

So much has been written in the past about the informed consents being taken from the mother whilst a patient in a public/private hospital environment by the hospital social worker/doctor. In private hospitals it was the usual practice for **the doctor himself to be the consent taker and witness displaying a clear conflict of interest.**

It must be placed on record that at least 40% of consents that were illegal and unlawfully taken **were not within a hospital environment.**

QUINNIMINE – informed consent.

Those signing an informed consent have a right to know the side affects. This was a further illegal and unlawful action by the consent taker.

The consent of the mother was not taken within a hospital environment whose baby was adopted through a religious adoption agency. No religious adoption agency social worker was permitted to enter a public hospital and have contact with a young unmarried mother. If the religious adoption agency had contact with a young mother prior to the birth of her baby (within the walls of an unmarried mother's home) generally a consent was (under undue influence) signed by the mother prior to the birth. This was and still is an illegal consent. Once the mother returned home, the adoption agency social worker would visit the young mother at her own residence where she would place her signature and date on the consent form on the previously signed consent form by the mother.

Three major illegal and unlawful areas must be reflected upon re consent.

- Mothers who were in unmarried mother's home – in the majority of cases were coersed into signing a consent prior to the birth of their baby and social worker signed and dated it following the birth of the baby.
- Mothers who entered hospital from their own residential address – no consent signed before the birth – no consent signed within the hospital and abducted baby given to a religious adoption agency by hospital social worker WITHOUT A CONSENT SIGNED.
- Mothers who entered hospital from their own residential address – no consent signed before the birth – consent signed within the hospital as baby to be adopted through a non religious adoption agency – i.e. hospital itself.

Whilst there is no measuring tape to measure an individual natural mother's experience against another – it is important though to record that unmarried natural mothers who signed consent (under duress) in the hospital, in the majority of cases were able to then see their babies.

A mother who did not sign an **informed consent** at the hospital **NEVER SAW HER BABY.**

Several past consent forms have been carefully examined by handwriting experts thus the illegal and unlawful practices were unveiled that consents were taken prior to the birth – through Religious Adoption Agencies.

Many young mothers were sent home and kept in a heavily drugged condition (sent home with drugs to take – being convinced they were necessary) until the religious adoption agency gained her signature on a consent form.

The taking of these consents is more serious than taking the consent within the hospital. The drugs given to the young mother to take home keeping her for a longer period of time in a semi psycho pharmaceutical state – was a dangerous medical, illegal and certainly a physical entrapment to gain her signature on a consent form. **These natural mothers were heavily sedated for a considerable more lengthy time.**

Full understanding of a natural mother (and in many cases in the company of the natural father) leaving a hospital without the authorities having consent is a very serious breach under the law of abduction an illegal and unlawful crime. The Geneva Report (Law and Practice – Unmarried Mothers) clearly states:

> ***"a child born out of wedlock's domicile is the same address as the mother."***

Without a signed consent the baby's absence from the mother's arms as she leaves hospital cannot be stressed enough SO THAT THESE MOTHERS (approx. 40% of natural mothers) are not excluded from the Commonwealth Senate Inquiry overall information.

Unfortunately during the NSW Government Inquiry into past adoption practices this serious issue was omitted whilst only reflecting on *consents that were signed in the hospital after the birth. This serious omission was l*ater acknowledged by the late Di Welfare Co-ordinator of Origins NSW Inc.

SECRECY

The law of secrecy conveyed secrecy and evasiveness and shame and stigma against unmarried natural mothers among adoption agencies, adoption workers and adoptive couples.

The so-called sexual revolution of the 1960's changed social situations of women in relationships to sex and parenthood and the increasing emphasis on the rights of minority groups – all created a climate of greater tolerance and of social change.

Social workers in adoption practices were engaged in a unique form of *social engineering.* ***Many*** *do not want the truth to be heard as they* believe a *Pandora's Box* will be opened. A *Pandora's B*ox does not exist except in the assumptions and imagination of those individuals and organizations who are involved in adoption.

All those involved in past unconscionable actions may believe their different practice methods were correct but their methods **broken the law.**

It was and still is humanly impossible for any social worker to reconcile the conflicting interests of the child, the natural mother and the adopted parents. There was no flexible approach which actively involved all participants. **Unmarried natural mothers** were thrown out of the circle once she entered a public/private hospital for treatment during her pregnancy.

ROYAL COMMISISON ON HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

Press Statement No 306 – 21 August 1974 advising

> *"that the Prime Minister Mr. Whitlam today announced the appointment of the Royal Commission into Human Relationships. The establishment of this Commission follows a resolution of the House of representatives in September 1973 that an inquiry of this nature should be undertaken."*

Letter from Royal Commission on Human Relations – (...) Secretary to Ms (...) r, President of the National Council for the Single Mother and Her Child – dated 14 January 1976 enclosed a transcript of their evidence as it appears on the RCHR records.

> This transcript (given on 11/12/75) is lengthy and contents relevant to the Senate Inquiry. The Commonwealth Government through the *Commonwealth Royal Commission on Human relationships* received evidence regarding the living grief, pain and suffering unmarried natural mothers suffer from the separation of her baby. This transcript also gives evidence regarding the non counseling arrangements to unmarried natural mothers,
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> Part of the Evidence from (...) :
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> *"I have come across a number of mothers, who until the birth of their child, have not really been aware of the legal situation, that they can have the child available to them especially in hospital."*

This legal situation was **denied to the majority of unmarried natural mothers** especially during the eras covered by the Senate Inquiry. Another total **breach of the law by the medical, hospital workers and hospital administration.**

The Commonwealth Government **knew** about all the illegal and unlawful actions prior to this Royal Commission but they received confirmation of same – and the year was 1975 some 35 years ago.

It is therefore strongly recommended that the Senate Inquiry obtained a copy of the transcripts presented to the Royal Commission on Human Relations called for by the Commonwealth Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

Note: Following this Royal Commission, the Human Rights Commission Bill was drafted and announced by the Commonwealth Attorney General on

22.7.1978 that it would be deferred pending discussion with States. This Commonwealth Government matter **is still outstanding some 32 years later.**

RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF THE NATURAL MOTHER

In the past so much has been written on the triangle of adoption

- The natural mother
- The natural child
- The adoptive parents

Over the years so many opinions have been debated on each point of the triangle. (It must be remembered that behind each point of the triangle many people stand).

- Illegitimate (bad blood) rather than child or ex nuptial child
- Unmarried mother – rather than mother or single mother
- Biological mother – rather than natural mother

Natural mother **means mother by nature of her child not the biological mother with its overtones of a non caring, mechanical, birth process person.**

Natural mothers have the right to refer and decide for themselves the name which they will be referred to. Natural mother accurately reflects the nature of their relationship with their child (a relationship which is not only an emotional and physiological one, but a very close, personal and enduring one). The community continues to ask her to continually give up her self esteem and concept of herself as a valuable person in her own right just because the natural mothers will not accept the terminology Birth mother.

As Steve Biko, the South African Black Consciousness leader said:

> *"the use of language can help in the development of an inferiority complex. We become that as which we are addressed. Through internalizing the opinions of the oppressors and making their values our own, we learn to self-depreciate ourself and love our chains".*

It is imperative that the Senate Inquiry refer to mother as **natural mothers.**

Steve Biko emphasizes the transforming power of words and ideas – how the very act of renaming oneself and one's world is a crucial condition for expelling the self depreciating oppressor houses within o**neself. When you say *'black is beautiful'* what in fact you are saying to him is**

'Man you are okay as you are. Begin to look upon yourself as a human being'.

> *"It was recently suggested that adoptive parents might better understand the anguish they cause natural mothers by insisting that the community refer to them as the '*biological' or 'original' or 'bio-parent'. What if *natural mothers were to insist that the community use the term 'surrogate parent' or 'surro parent' to refer to adoptive parents?"*

Several of the quotes above were obtained from the *"Excerpt from Pregnancy and Adoption – The Rights and Needs of the Natural Mother" given by* (...) *representing the National Council for the single Mother and Her child, Victoria.*

Jigsaw Organisation advised in their newsletter number 57, June 1981 that stories from natural mothers the organisation gained the impression that:

- The process of taking consent was a most unsatisfactory experience for many mothers
- There are many awful stories recorded
- Consents illegally taken before the child was born and dated later
- Teenagers who were told they had no right to keep their child because the mother was 'under age'
- They had better sign the form or there would be trouble.
- Some were told they would not be allowed to see their child until they signed the consent form.
- Some were told they had no right to revoke the consent.
- Some were told, when they went to revoke that the child had already been placed and it was too late, even though the 30 days had not experienced.
- Very many were given no indication that there existed any alternative at all to having the baby adopted.
- Five days after the birth, when the mother was still in the midst of all the emotional turmoil suddenly great pressure was put on the mothers to sign away their children forever.
- Many not fully in possession of themselves, gave way to the pressures.

It is obvious that, in such cases the officials, the authorities, had decided that

child was going to be adopted, and the mother of the child was to have no say in it at all...

*All these abuses were made possible by a **system** of legal rules which allowed almost anybody to take a consent, and which made no enquiry into the pressures under which mothers signed consents, or whether they understood what they were doing or what were their rights.*

It was also a time of great hostility towards single motherhood, when being pregnant and single was seen as a condition meriting punishment and the mother could legitimately be seen as a person with no real rights.

Under present adoption law, a consent may be taken by adoption or other social workers, ministers of religion, hospital managers, doctors, lawyers, court officers, justices of the peace, commissioners for affidavits or policemen. Ne4arly all of these groups would have no knowledge whatsoever of adoption, and have not the professional training to understand the importance of helping the natural mother to make a considered and unpressured decision from among all the available alternatives.

Note: THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT KNEW ALL OF THE ABOVE BECAUSE THEY WERE ALSO PRESENTED IN SUBMISSIONS TO THE ADOPTION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

And they did nothing 40 years ago.

The matter before the present Commonwealth Senate Committee has been known by Governments for 40 years therefore it must be seen that the Commonwealth Government and State and Territories Governments NOT ONLY FAILED NATURAL MOTHERS BEFORE AND AFTER THE BIRTH OF HER BABY BUT HAVE ALSO FAILED IN THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TOWARDS UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHERS BY BEING FULLY AWARE OF THE ABOVE ILLEGAL AND UNLAWFUL ACTIONS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST THROUGHOUT THEIR INQUIRY AND REVIEW OF THE 1964 ADOPTION ACT. This under law **is known as guilty by association.**

Revisionism vs. Denial

The Senate Committee is dealing with legitimate historical revisionism acknowledging a 'certain body of irrefutable evidence' presented to

them that shows that an event did occur. i.e. separation of the unmarried natural mother and her baby was illegal and unlawful. The injustices against young women and their baby are irrefutable. Denial, on the other hand, rejects the entire foundation of historical evidence.

Conventional wisdom is not necessarily true. Conventional wisdom is additionally often seen as an obstacle to the acceptance of newly acquired information, to introducing new theories and explanations, and therefore operates as an obstacle that must be overcome by legitimate revisionism.

In the past *conventional wisdom* has been the accepted norm in society and is an obstacle that natural mothers have had to fight vigorously to overcome.

Conventional Wisdom in the case of the truth regarding natural mothers has been used pejoratively (negatively, depreciatively, judgmentally, as a criticism and critically) to refer to the idea that statements which are repeated over and over become conventional wisdom regardless of whether or not they are true. Such statements include statements made by **all** authorities past and present endeavoring to close the door on the truth natural mothers are trying to speak. The past lies have been repeated under the umbrella of conventional wisdom and those repeating such statements are required now to sit back and be educated with the truth and let go the conventional wisdom they have gained throughout their careers.

In a more general sense, it is used to refer to the accepted truth about something which nearly no one would argue about, and so is used as a gauge (or well-spring) of normative behavior or belief, even within a professional context. One such example was conventional wisdom in 1950, even among most doctors, dictated that smoking was not particularly harmful to one's health.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS IN VICTORIA – JAMES JENKINSON INQUIRY INTO PAST ADOPTION PRACTICES – Preparation of Background Report - 2000

In 1999 the Victorian ALP Women's Policy (pages 16-17 Item 22) put in place to hold an inquiry into Victorian past adoption practices – thus the above report.

The compiling of the James Jenkinson report was also a consequence of the former Opposition Leader Steve Brack's undertaking that an inquiry would be held when (if) he became Premier of Victoria following the 1999 elections. He was elected Premier in late 1999 and was successfully re-elected at the 2002 and 2006 elections. He served eight years as Premier of Victoria until he retired on 27 July 2007.

The Minister, Department of Human Services, Christine Campbell, Victoria commissioned a report for the Department of Human Services on past adoption legislation, policy and practices.

A request for the funding for this report was sent to (...), Acting Assistant Director, Child Protection and Juvenile Justice following a request from (...) Acting Manager Child Protection and Care Department of Human Services – 19 January 2000.

Background

- A Parliamentary Inquiry into Past Adoption practices from 1945 to 1984 forms part of the Labor Government Policy. It is likely that this inquiry will commence later this year.
- The Child Protection and Juvenile Justice Branch have been directed to undertake the preparation for this inquiry prior to the matter being referred by the Minister to Cabinet for approval. In addition the Department will be expected to give evidence at the inquiry.
- As a first stage, DHS is preparing a Ministerial briefing which will outline the issues and provide advice on how these should be managed prior to providing the Minister with comprehensive advice on this matter.
- The preparation of comprehensive advice will include research and the locating of background material on the legislative and policy frameworks of the time and the identification of adoption agencies. It is proposed to use

Mr. (...) to undertake this research and prepare a background paper.

Issues

- Mr. (...) currently charges an hourly rate of $38 which amounts to 41520 for a 38 hour week. Mr. (...) recently prepared a report for Legislation and Legal Service which took four week and three days to prepare at the cost of $6000. We estimate that the cost for a report will be between $3000 and $5000. This amount has not been accounted for in the Branch budget.

Recommendations

- That you approve the engagement of Mr. Jenkinson to prepare a background report for the Department.
- That you approve an amount of up to $5000 to cover the costs of this report.

Signed (...) "

The Consultant's comments in relation to the Inquiry (pages 46 and 47)

"Whilst it is not in the consultant's brief to comment on the thrust of the proposed Inquiry (professional practice issues, unethical or unlawful practices, denial to access to alternative to adoption) the following are some preliminary comments based on the forgoing material which may be of help to the Department in development a position in relation to the Inquiry".

The open and honest comments by the Consultant were damning and were received by the Department of Human Service in April 2000. Mr. Brack at this point was still committed to his promise to hold the inquiry. The consultant also stated that

'*The field has only a limited understanding of the long term impact of the relinquishment of a child on the mother. It was not understood that many mothers could not 'put the matter behind her'. Practice proceeded on the assumption that the mothers' needs were also being served by the adoption.'*

Note: Reference to field means all players in the separation of mother and baby at birth i.e. adoption agencies (Government or Private and State Government.

Australian Relinquishing Mothers Association (ARMS) re a Victoria Government Inquiry

On Saturday 21 March 1998 the following motion was passed at the ARMS General Meeting (ARMS Newsletter July 1998).

1. *"ARMS reaffirm its current policy that as a matter of justice natural parents should have the right to identifying information once their child is eighteen earlier by agreement between the three parties.*
2. *Counselling, by its nature, cannot be forced on people, or made mandatory. However ARMS supports the continuation of the provision of a standardized interview, either with a group or on an individual basis. Any party requesting information should be obliged to attend such an interview. The information seeker should have a choice about who provides the interview and it should not necessarily be provided by a social worker.*
3. *That ARMS continue to refer to ourselves as Natural Mothers and when appropriate, Relinquishing Mothers in line with existing policy.*
4. "*That ARMS believes that a public inquiry into past adoption practices would greatly benefit public knowledge about adoption. Such an inquiry should examine the behaviour of social workers, adoption agencies, maternity homes, medical practitioners and other relevant parties, with a view to exposing practices that were illegal or at minimum, constituted duress or a denial of information.*
5. *That the result of such an inquiry be presented to the Government and that a public acknowledgement be made by the Government to all Relinquishing Mothers whose rights were denied."*

Origins Vic. Inc. were of the view that whilst they did not completely agree with all of the options, it was a step forward in the battle for acknowledgement of the past injustices.

In early 2000 ARMS raised concerns in a letter to fellow ARMS Member from Marie Meggitt about the prospect of an inquiry such as the one that was under consideration by the Victorian Government at that time - Origins Vic Inc. request. Note: It is interesting to observe that the period for the inquiry promised by the Premier and covered in the (...) was 1945-1984 but

The Minister Christian Campbell amended the period for the Inquiry which cannot be explained to many natural mothers.

> "…the need for an Inquiry 'particularly' in the period 1964-82. I have received extensive correspondence on this issue and most of the letters refer to adoptions **post 1964**."

ARMS concerns covered their experience to date

- is that no positive outcomes have flowed i.e. no apology from any Government (today that comment is incorrect as the W.A. Government have apologized to natural mothers)
- there have been clear negative outcomes in reducing rights of adoptees and natural parents to access information
- These reforms were hard won in 1984 and were the culmination of almost 10 years of work.

The ARMS committee wrote to members seeking their opinions on the matter of compensation as well. ARMS had held the view that money cannot compensate natural mothers for the loss of, and the opportunity to parent our child, and it would not alleviate our pain and suffering to receive money from the Government.

> "*We are also aware that many adoptees see compensation as the equivalent **of 30 pieces of silver.** There is a perception by adoptees that natural mothers who seek compensation are only protesting their grief to get money."*

"*We want to represent your views to Governments and so would like to hear what you think about supporting a campaign for compensation and whether you would like the organisation to support an inquiry".*

Note: It is understood that Origins Vic. Inc required compensation to be included as part of their request for an Inquiry into past adoption practices and procedures *and this was viewed as betrayal by many adoptees. Origins Vic. Inc. has since its first meeting undergone many spills in membership as many natural mothers were not seeking compensation only* ***the truth thus discontinuing their***

memberships. This group represents only a very small percentage of natural mothers around Australia.

Former Premier Steve Brack guaranteed that an inquiry would be held, but as a consequence of a formal presentation to the Department of Human Services' personnel by other natural mothers offering **free** professional services to travel Victoria and collate stories from natural mothers who felt they could not appear before an official Government Inquiry.

IMPORTANT. Following the gathering of stories from natural mothers around Victoria, **they were to be collated and an official printed report (professional printer service included in formal presentation) would be presented to the Minister for tabling in Victoria Parliament for the Parliament's attention WITH the likelihood of the Victorian Government acknowledging illegal and unlawful past adoption procedures against unmarried natural mothers during 1950-1980 eras.**

All other interest groups and individuals endorsed this proposal thus rejecting a formal Inquiry but as a consequence of ORIGINS VIC. INC. rejecting the Victorian Government's alternative format brought an Victorian Government Inquiry to a permanent closure.

Therefore Premier Steve Brack and his colleagues deserve to be congratulated as they stood by their commitment for an Inquiry presenting an alternative official format to an Inquiry that ALL OTHER INTEREST GROUPS ENDORSED.

It appears that Origins Vic. Inc. misunderstood the alternative proposal because the collated stories were NOT to be immediately archived into the Victorian Government's library as Origins Vic. Inc have stated in the past. During discussions on the alternative format guidelines to gather natural mothers' stories around Victoria, at no time was the subject of compensation raised as part of the guidelines to be structured by the Minister of Human Services.

The Victorian Government believed that this approach was a fairer approach giving **all mothers the opportunity to have their voices heard without personally having to appear before a Government Inquiry Committee and suffer further grief and pain.**

As a result of Origins Vic. Inc. rejecting this approach (see below) a Victorian Government Inquiry was rejected as the majority of natural mothers preferred the alternative method of approach as offered by the Victorian Government.

An announcement that the Victorian Government would not be holding an inquiry was advised in writing by Department of Human Services new Minister (the former Minister Christine Campbell was replaced as Minister during the ongoing debates/meetings regarding a Victorian Inquiry) to interested parties including letters to the Premier's parliamentarian colleagues.

The writer received the following letter via her local Member of Parliament:

A reply (dated 3 June 2004) was forwarded with advice from the Minister of Department of Human Services stating: extract -

"*The Government decided not to precede with an inquiry into past adoption practices.*

Origins, a support group for women who relinquished a child to adoption in the past, have advised that the alternatives proposed were unacceptable to them. Other adoption interest groups, including the Association of Relinquishing Mothers, did not support an inquiry. For these reasons, the Government has decided to take no further action." Signed Hon Sherryl Garbutt MP, Minister for Community Services.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Contact was made by a natural mother on 25 June 1999 with National Branch President/Director Ms. (...) to obtain a copy of the 1968 AASW Annual Report (Victoria Branch) where it advised that two deaths during adoption had occurred.

Ms. (...) advised in a letter dated 16 July 1999 addressed to Ms (...) the following:

> *In 1997 the Association took a particular interest in adoptions as a result of submissions made to us by a number of interested parties, including relinquishing mothers. A small working group was formed of members from several states. The purpose of the group was to share ideas and experiences so that we could respond to questions and issues as they arose at a state level.*
>
> *It was not intended that a national report be prepared by the group; however, it was resolved that Branches should participate in local enquiries, conference and so on.*

She further stated that:

> "*In South Australia, our Branch president met with relinquishing mothers on a number of occasions to discuss their concerns and to attempt to reach some understanding with them about their experiences. I understand that these meetings were helpful for everyone concerned. So, although I am not able to assist you with a report, I hope you will be assured that the Association has a continuing interest in adoption matters and seeks always to learn about the effects of all aspects of our work. If there are any particular matters you wished to bring to our attention, I hope you will write to me again".*

It is hoped that the National Body of AASW will contribute a submission to the forthcoming Commonwealth Senate Inquiry into forced adoptions assisting with the healing process that is required.

FURTHER SERIOUS BREACH OF DUTY OF CARE

Many natural mothers' lives were placed at risk due to the failure of the medical profession advising the young mother of any complications that occurred during the birth of her baby.

At the age of 22 a young mother was forced to have a hysterectomy (after her marriage to the father of her first baby) denying her future children due to her lack of knowledge of the complications during her first confinement. The ongoing repercussions of the treatment unmarried natural mothers received during prenatal, confinement and thereafter from the medical profession, is and still is a serious lack of *duty of care.*

An unmarried natural mother was treated within the hospital environment like a *criminal who had had illicit sex* and did not receive the same *duty of care* that married women received.

Such information was not revealed to the mother until she received a copy of the birth of her baby from the hospital's birth register some 35 years later (permanent records) which detail the progress of birth.

Notes were written on that regarding the complications experienced. Once viewed by her specialist some 35 years later – the answer as to why she had clinically died during the birth of her 2nd baby – became clear. On legal advice it was deemed to be a case of negligence by placing the mother's life at risk into the future but unfortunately due to the Statute of Limitations in the State of Victoria, the hospital's liability could not be pursued.

FURTHER BIRTH COMPLICATIONS – Information withheld from Natural Mother endangering her future.

Rhesus Factor in Blood – How many unmarried natural mothers lacked the Rh-factor and were unable to have any further children? Did the medical staff notify these mothers of this medical condition? Babies were saved by an exchange transfusion. The Royal Women's Hospital performed up to 6 a day in the 1960's. (Sex and Suffering – page 241)

It was not until the late 1960's that the first success with the anti-D immune globulin the rhesus-immunised women.

What happened if an unmarried natural mother lacked the Rh factor and her baby inherited Rh-positive blood from its father? The baby's flood would have set up an immunological reaction in the mother's blood which would reject any subsequent fetus whose blood was also Rh-positive. Did the **medical staff notify an unmarried mother of this medical condition?**

Dr (...) , pediatrician to the Queen Victoria Hospital from 1928 and neonatal pediatrician at the Women's Hospital from 1944 until she retired from both positions in 1965

> *'she was fascinated by newborn babies – every baby, no matter how premature and immature, was to her a **full human being."** **Brick or Spirit – History of Queen Victoria Hospital (page 244)***

How then did this distinguished woman allow the separation of mother and child within the hospital environment?

Professor (...) from 1951-1977 leader of obstetrics and gynecological teaching at Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne – what were his teachings regarding the separation of mother and baby throughout his teaching of doctors?

Did we live in a puritanical society where emotional excess was feared? Justice Sholl's decision confirms such a society.

MEDICAL PROFESSION

In the 1950-1970 periods they were a breed of their own. They accepted no professional authority over them other than that of their peers. The medical authority was absolute.

> "They were people accustomed to giving orders and having them obeyed" (page 315) refer to previous note of their actions again socialised

medicine recommended by the Commonwealth Labor Government in 1941.

Since 1965 the Queen Victoria Hospital had become part of the New Monash University Medical School, a modern medical course with a focus on social medicine and under the leadership of Professor (...) it took the initiative in new thinking about childbirth practices, hospital care and women's reproductive health.

***Even so,** it was responding after the event to the profound changes in sexual behavior and self-realisation, which marked the beginnings of the second wave of feminism. The media and the pundits were quick to historicism it as the sexual revolution – a sudden sexual freedom made possible by the new oral contraceptive pill (Time 24 January 1964 (page 321) quoted by J. Smibert in "The Pill its Place in History" in Medical Journal of Australia 11 September 1965 p 469)*

Field trials had begun on the pill in 1956 and the pill reached Australia in 1960. The first major clinical trials in Australia began to be published in 1962 with the Crown Street Women's Hospital in Sydney and private practitioners leading the way.

Women had to ask their private doctors for the pill prescription and few doctors felt comfortable about prescribing it for those unmarried women who had the nerve to ask. It cost them in 1965 five shillings a month, its ease, its biological subtlety its effectiveness provoke immediate anxiety in those opposed to all birth control.

As the thalidomide tragedy unfolded during the 1961-62 people became more fearful of the effects of drugs on the biology of reproduction.

Our great Nation must now cultivate a mentality of expectation for truthfulness, decency, honesty, integrity and veracity from our medical profession, mental health workers, social workers, adoption agency workers, hospital administrations and nursing profession so that this dark period of our Nation **is never repeated again.**

The work of Dr. Dora Bialestock and Drs. Bob and John Birrell on neglected children and the battered baby syndrome distressed both the medical and wider communities. Their work was to **become repeated reference points in public debate about contraception abortion and adoption of illegitimate or neglected children (page 322)**

> *"The Hospital was quick to blame the pill in 1965 for the first significant fall in confinements in decades, although it also acknowledged the roles of rising affluence and private insurance".*

Let's continue on with the natural mother's journey - Then the natural mother is wheeled out the opened door of the

SEGREGATION CHAMBER  drugged, no idea what was Happening to her – no baby

And thrown into the burning inferno  **like a bag of trash** - destroying her self image. A life time of punishment.

The young girl who entered the labor ward door never came out of the segregation chamber. The immediate cremation of her self and her self image the natural mother branded unworthy of motherhood justifying the notion

"of no child deserved".

Darkness was thrust upon a natural mother and her baby by uncompassionate, unsympathetic, lacking the ability to care

with feelings or to be kindhearted in any shape or form inhumane people. They ('the identity thieves') commanded (ruled, dominated, controlled) unmarried natural mothers with (power, influence, ability, clout, say-so) to conform to their belief systems and unmarried natural mothers forced to accept the punishment inflicted – supposedly gracefully. (See notes on Dr. Lawson's attitudes below.)

A baby denied her blood heritage and ancestors immediately at birth. Babies abducted immediately the umbilical cord was cut separating mother from her baby and separating baby from her mother – abducted from the segregation chamber – a baby's **second separation experience.**

They were the **good guys** proud of what they had achieved–

unmarried mothers were the **good guys trash**.

As the natural mother slowly faced death of her own self image –

nobody offered assistance. Nobody came with a fire **extinguisher** to put the flames out. (No counselor, no doctor, no nurse and not even the tea lady). A natural mother slowly dying within as a result of the illegal and immoral actions and inhumane treatment she had just endured and NO BODY CARED. Why because it was the crime of INTENT as a consequence of her committing the phantom crime against Society. – thus intent was to destroy motherhood from her mind and her self image – therefore NO HELP WAS ALLOWED.

They will say '*we counseled mothers'* ***but that is another fabrication of the truth.*** If mothers were counseled and taken care of she would never have been thrown into the inferno like trash.

PRINCIPLES OF SIMILARITY

> Throughout the 1950/1970's unfortunately *Freud's* ***Principles of Similarity*** *was reinvented by a large percentage of the medical and science professions - the corner stone of his theory.*

This theory became an all encompassing approach consisting of

- Forged clinical observations, Deliberate implantation of false memories
- Propagandistic denial of influence of the patient, and a comprehensive set of persuasive techniques. (See detailed notes further on in submission).

The medical profession with a hammer hammered their opinions into young mothers in the most coercive way. The medical professionals in their writings state they were always very careful never to expose their patients to undue influence which was untrue. The medical professionals suffered with the recurrent feature of habitual fabulators that is, to let each fabrication rest in itself, with little regards to other true or false statements.

Juxtaposing (put next to, put side by side, put together, put beside, put adjacent to) their statements, the fictitious (fabricated, invented, pretended, conjured, untrue) nature of their actions always becomes apparent. Their coercive persuasive techniques to enforce this theory and interpretation upon unmarried natural mothers – **FAILED** – even though it may have taken 30+ years for that failure to be as clear as it is today. This is as a result of brilliant psychiatrists during the 1990's and 2000 **who when counseling women who had lost their babies through illegal and unlawful means, SAW THROUGH THE FREUD (fraud) TECHNIQUES THAT HAD BEEN USED ON YOUNG MOTHERS.**

Future free counseling for women who have suffered such living grief, pain and suffering need to be allowed to receive **counseling free of charge only from psychiatrists who can walk them through debriefing sessions from the Freud (known as fraud) theory so deeply burnt into natural mothers' hearts and souls by the flames of the inferno.**

FOR COMPARISON - MARRIED MOTHERS

The married natural mother who entered the labor ward– emerged as the same person that entered. She was allowed to continue on with her motherhood.

The paintings of the fire and fire fighter above are original oil paintings placed in a natural mother's care by an elderly lady who has since passed away.

From the ashes of the inferno a skeleton

of the unmarried natural mother's former self arose – filled with grief, pain and suffering beyond human understanding. To brittle to stand, to weak to walk and fight back against the inhumane monsters that confronted them in the segregation chamber and in the prison cell she was placed in. Unmarried natural mothers forced to deny the honest expression of their true emotions as they still endeavor to re-create a new image thus living ONLY half a life and internalizing everything. The clothes on their back at times, the only things holding their body and soul together.

> "An *unmarried mother raped by machine, by indifference, her most precious gift stolen from her at* ***the only time it could be and no-one protected her."***
> *"As it stands the experience of the natural mother is simply not part of our*

collective consciousness. If you can say to someone "My best friend committed suicide" or "I have cancer" there is a good chance that the person you say it to has some concept of the nature of the experience you are talking about. But when I say to people "I had a child adopted" they respond with embarrassment as if I have said something obscene, and it is obvious that they have no notion of what it means to have lost a child. In writing this, my ambition is that anyone who reads it is left with some idea of what it may be like to experience ***living grief." (Post adoption centre – a series of papers published written by people with a first hand experience of adoption – entitled First hand by Deirdre Hughes)***

By living without the love of her baby and the lack of knowledge as to what had happened to her baby unmarried natural mothers have lived an existence of perpetual darkness. **Nobody – no counselor, no doctor, no nurse, no priest, no minister of religion etc. stepped in to assist mothers. Living grief**, pain, suffering beyond the comprehension of any decent person – created by man for the gain of another.

Throughout the lives of unmarried natural mothers these internalized emotions often become externalized triggered by an event, a song, a word, occasions (especially her baby's birthday, mother's day, Christmas, Easter, her own birthday) at times bringing on mental instability. The loss emotion can also be triggered when they need to deal with a further 'loss' situation that arises in their lives.

The emotions of terror, anger, desperate, panic and fear resurfacing when least expected.

ABDUCTION AND TREATMENT BABIES

RECEIVED WHILST IN THE ABDUCTEES HOLDING PLACE

Infant abductions are usually premeditated acts. (www.childfind.ca/educate/infant)

How true is that statement – the medical professionals premeditated the abduction of unmarried natural mothers' babies throughout the 1950-1970 eras.

> ***If faced with abduction*** *- immediately call the local police. Hospital security must secure the hospital, posting someone at all exits, directing visitors to exit through the main lobby. (www.childfind.ca/educate/infant)*

None of these recommended actions would have assisted an unmarried natural mother during the 1950-1970 eras because the abductors were the medical practitioners and with their 'power and control' more than likely the police would not have become involved.

Abduction is a criminal offence and answerable under our Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law. It is an unlawful restraint placed on another and in the case of a natural mother and her baby – her baby was unlawfully held 'in emergency protective custody' (without a court order) from her mother. Both mother and baby were placed in a type of imprisonment away from each other. The baby held in care to protect the angel from harm from its mother. After further exhaustive tests in the holding room for abductees – the angels **were passed as fit** or unfit for adoption.

In other words a secure setting but this setting was not secure – the baby was pushed and prodded like an animal – being tested for all sources of diseases **they** believed many unmarried natural mothers suffered from and may have transmitted to her baby. Natural mothers were never informed of these '**strenuous medical tests'** that were conducted on their angel – thus all tests were illegally carried out – as consent of the mother was never given. Such strenuous medical tests is assault but as the medical professions had no thoughts about sexually abusing young unmarried natural mothers throughout her ante-natal period, it should be no surprise that they had no thoughts as they assaulted our babies.

If the angel was **passed 'unfit'** – medically treatment in some cases was given – **without the mother's permission again** – and then thrown into a life of institutional care.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

The 1984 Adoption Act allowed our abducted babies (now adults) to obtain identifying information about the circumstances surrounding their separation from their natural mother. Unmarried natural mothers were allowed non-identifying information about their babies that had been abducted at birth.

"The supremacy of the law over all individuals and bodies in the community is essential to our system of democracy." (The late Hon. Vernon Wilcox – Victorian Parliament Attorney General 1973-1976)

These words are evidence of the supremacy of the law which was continually broken in the hospital labor wards (segregation chamber) throughout the 1950-early 1970's.

CHANGING TIMES (for reflection only) Following the 2nd World War, conservative (traditional, conventional, old-fashioned, unadventurous) attitudes developed and all members of the community were made to conform (obey the rules, play the game, do the accepted thing) to these attitudes.

It was on these conservative attitudes that Mr. Justice Sholl in his decision in the Supreme Court in 1958 slammed unmarried mothers.

The world was changing.

Women were to remain conservative (this picture appearing in magazines in 1957), but the younger generation had other ideas. The battle between the generations (born just prior to the 2nd World War) began and was seen by the conservatives as a rebellion and uprising by this younger generation. In other words seen as a mutiny thus the opinions formed as stated by Mr. Justice Sholl.


Rock'n'roll takes Australia by storm

This picture was taken in 1957. During the following 2 years scenes such as the ones below became the norm.


Dancing in the aisles at Sydney Stadium during one of Lee Gordon's rock'n'roll extravaganzas

new heart throbs on the scene as well as Elvis Presley and Bill Halley. This new generation influenced the generation born during the 2nd World War and when they were able to hit the scene in the early


Col Joye, one of the rising stars of our rock'n'roll scene and a founding member of TV entertainment show 'Bandstand' is seen here with his band the Joy Boys

1960's Australia was never to be the same again. In the mid 1960's the generation born after the 2nd World War took their protests to the streets over the Vietnam War with demonstrations never seen in Australia before.


Demonstrators protest against the Johnson tour

The following picture taken in 1970 shows that even the older conservative members of the community attended a Vietnam moratorium rally in Melbourne. finally realizing that they needed to listen to the generations that had come after them.


Vietnam moratorium rally in Melbourne

The generation born in the early 1950's continued the examples set by the previous generations and took their protests to the street as well on issues that would never have been discussed over the dinner table.

Women's liberation and abortion reform demonstration.

Note: Look at the expression on the elderly lady's face walking towards the young person handing out pamphlets and the protestors. It's a classic characteristic of her generation.

Throughout this period of time 1957-1973 unmarried mothers and their babies were being separated in the segregation chamber in Victoria under the direction of Mr. Justice Sholl Supreme Court decision, (...) Hospital and Charities Commission's refusal to listen to the delegation from the Presbyterian Sisterhood (their creed predicting what was going to happen to unmarried mothers and their babies, the Medical Professions attitude towards unmarried mothers and their babies led by (...) , Senior Obstetrician of Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne added to the control and authority of Queen Victoria and Royal Women's Hospitals social workers, social workers and staff working within private adoption agencies and social workers and staff working within Victorian Government Departments.

From 1973 onwards unmarried mothers and their babies were less like to be subjected to such inhumane atrocities. With the open heartedness of the Premier of Victoria Mr. John Cain Jnr. an in depth review and inquiry into past adoption practices commenced.

The times had changed forever.

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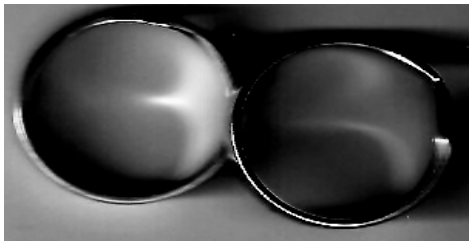
"Australia through Time – 2004 Edition" publication for the above photos – Random House Australia.



Motherhood is the joining together of two human beings – bonded and joined together forever just like the two wedding rings above. Please take a moment and reflect on the images that were captured when the wedding rings were scanned into this submission. These two rings when joined together as one display a heart in the centre.

NATURAL MOTHERS have never been called liars

Why is that? They are telling the truth. Their stories have never been challenged as untrue yet so much Government funding has been spent (and still is being spent) to try and find loop holes to CLOSE DOWN natural mothers FROM TELLING THE TRUTH.

More people who worked within the hospital system during this dark period of our Nation are speaking up and confirming natural mothers' stories.

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION made by General Assembly 11 December 1946 Res 96 (I)

> *"That genocide is a crime under international law, contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations and condemned by the civilised world"*

Genocide is national, ethical, racial or religious group

> *"forcibly transferring children of a group to another group."*

Part III Article 6

Every human being has the inherent right to life and this right shall be protected **by law**. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.

Article 24

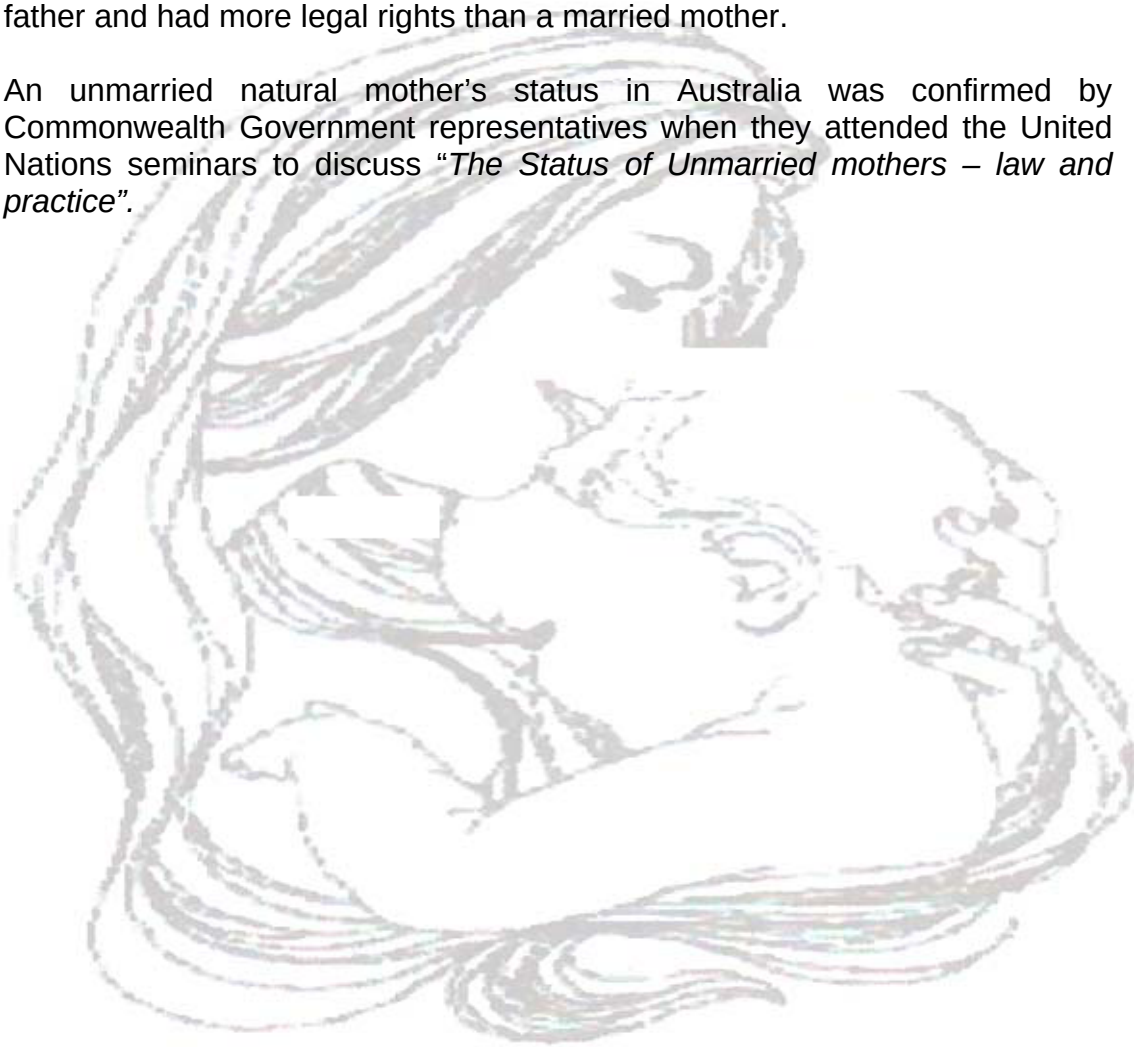
1. Every child have, without any discrimination as to race, color, sex, language, religion, national or social origin property or birth, the right to such measure of protection as are required by his status as a minor on the part of his family, society and State.

Article 26

> *"All persons are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law."*
>
> "*In this respect the law shall prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion national or social origin, property, birth or other status."*

Note: Unmarried natural mothers were equal before the law to a married father and had more legal rights than a married mother.

An unmarried natural mother's status in Australia was confirmed by Commonwealth Government representatives when they attended the United Nations seminars to discuss "*The Status of Unmarried mothers – law and practice".*



THE RIGHTS AND NEEDS OF THE NATURAL MOTHER WRITTEN BY NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SINGLE MOTHER AND CHILD 1970

The following is an extract of the newsletter article.

"I suggest that it should be regarded as the right of each member of the community to choose the 'name' or 'term' by which the community will refer to them. And it is surely the right, therefore, that each party to the adoptive process should have the right to choose their own 'name'. The mother who has 'mother by nature", of her child – not the 'biological" mother with its overtones of a non-caring, mechanical-birth process (or the even more offensive "bio-parent".

"It was recently suggested that adoptive parents might better understand the anguish they cause natural mothers by insisting that the community refer to them as the 'biological' or 'original' or 'bio-parent' or 'birth-parent' if natural mothers were to ***insist*** *that the community use the term 'surrogate' parent or 'surro' parent to refer to adoptive parents!*

"Natural mothers are not demanding the right to decide the 'name' which will be given to other parties to the adoption process – merely asking the right to describe themselves by the 'name' which they feel most accurately reflects the nature of their relationship with their child (a relationship which is not only an emotional and physiological one, but a very close, person and enduring one). The natural mother has given up her child the community also continue to ask her to give up her self-esteem and concept of herself as a valuable person in her own right!.

"Perhaps I can best illustrate the meaning, importance and power of language and words in creating attitudes of self-worth, the most vital right of the natural mother in the

adoption process, by quoting from Donald Woods' biography of Steve Biko, the South African Black Consciousness leader. *("Biko" – Donald Woods)*

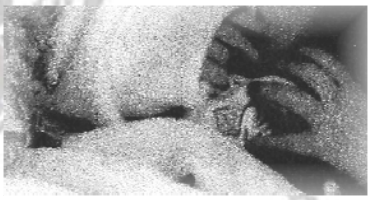
> *"As Biko said, the use of 'language can help in the development of an inferiority complex'. We become that as which we are addressed. Through internalising the opinions of the oppressors and making their values our own, we learn to self-depreciate ourselves and 'love our chains'.*
>
> *We grasp, too, why the Black Consciousness movement emphasises the transforming power of words and ideas .... How the very act of 're-naming' oneself and one's world is a crucial condition for expelling the self-depreciating oppressor 'housed' within oneself. .... "When you say 'black is beautiful' what in fact you are saying to him is "Man, you are okay as you are. Begin to look upon yourself as a human being!"*

DRUG EXPERIMENTATIONS

These babies were later used as guinea pigs in Drug Experimentations that were conducted in Victoria by the Commonwealth Serum Laboratory and the Walter and Eliza Institute.

The Commonwealth Government failed these babies under the Commonwealth Constitution as many of them died and no matter how many the experts even today believe their actions were correct – **their actions were criminal.**

A draft and confidential document obtained under the Freedom of Information in 2003 on Medical Research conducted in Babies and Children's Homes in Victoria 1945 – 1970 prepared by the Protection and Care Branch and Public Health Branch of the Department of Human Services, Victoria November 1997 at the request of the



then Minister Denis Napthine is **very disturbing**.

The findings in this report were never released as the report states

> *"The Department's procedures require that parents are to be consulted, informed and involved in any treatment planned for their child".*

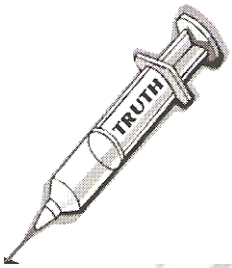
This included unmarried natural mothers whose babies were declared 'unfit' for adoption and were residing in institutional care. Babies died from these experimentations and no matter what the experts say or do to try and cover up these illegal and immoral actions, no parental consent was ever received for such experimentations on their babies, as clearly defined in this draft report.

> *"Legislative provisions at the time of the medical research specified who had authority to consent to 'surgical and other operation' for **wards** of the state; however it is not known if vaccinations were interpreted as 'surgical or other operation'. It is understood that responsibility for consider to undertake medical procedures for babies and children placed on a voluntary basis **would have been that of the parent. (Page 23 of Draft and Confidential Report).***

This serious issue of drug experimentations on babies who were declared either 'fit' or 'unfit' for adoption and other children in institutions can no longer be swept under the carpet. In 2004 evidence of intent and practice of releasing contaminating Salk Vaccine by the Commonwealth Serum Laboratory in Victoria in the 1960's was revealed world wide and the then Commonwealth Health Minister, Mr. Tony Abbott, on 25 October, 2004 advised

> *"that the Federal Government has promised an inquiry into reports that the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories knowingly released batches of the polio vaccine contaminated with a virus linked to cancer."*

Indisputable (beyond doubt, irrefutable, unarguable, incontestable) evidence found that between 1956 and 1962 (note – the same years again – certainly a dark period in our Nation's history) at least 700,000 dozes of the vaccine were released which contained a simian virus called SV40 which has been proven to cause cancers.



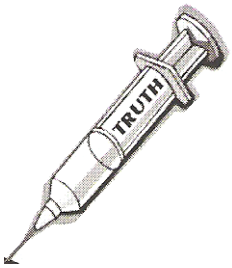
At the time of all drug experimentations and the release of contaminated Salk vaccine the responsibilities for the Commonwealth Serum Laboratory was the **Commonwealth of Australia Government.**

The Commonwealth Government failed to keep their word to hold an Inquiry and instead sought a review from Professor Yvonne Cossart, AO, Bosch Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Sydney – 14th December 2004. This report entitled ***"Review of the health consequences of SV40 contamination of poliomyelitis vaccines, and in particular a possible association with cancers"*** was never released and only took 6 weeks to compile.

This report was obtained under Freedom of Information and it was not until 17 May 2006 that a copy was received – 17 months after it had been written and shelved by Mr. Tony Abbott (now Leader of the Opposition).

> *"I am pleased to be able to provide you with a copy of the Review of the health consequences of SV40 contamination of poliomyelitis vaccines, and in particular a possible association with cancers. I regret the delay in releasing this report to you; however it was necessary to delay its release until permission for its release had been obtained from the author and other stakeholders." Signed Dr. Leonie Hunt, Director, Drug Safety and Evaluation Branch.*

Mr. Tony Abbott broke his promise and did not hold an inquiry as a result of Professor Yvonne Cossart's review. To take only 6 weeks to compile a report on such a serious issue WITHOUT INVESTIGATING THE indisputable written evidence is a breach of the Nation's Constitution. The Commonwealth Government was responsible (and funded) the drug experiments against babies and are also responsible for the releasing of the contaminated Salk vaccine.



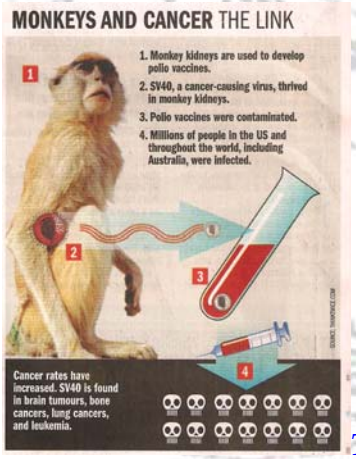
This report is a sham and a blatant effort to close down the truth.

Professor Cossart stated under the heading The Australian evidence

> *"There is no doubt that inactivated polio vaccine released in Australia by CSL, the only local manufacturer, or from imported (US) sources contained SV40 although details from the manufacturers are unavailable".*

The truthful evidence of the only local manufacturer CSL was available at the National Archives of Australia and were sighted and covered in the Age articles from Saturday 23 October 2004.

> *The man who found SV40 in CSL's vaccines,* (...) *reviewed his original research workbooks for the Age. At the time of uncovering his original workbooks he lived in Canberra (2004). Mr.* (...) *l also said – for the first time – how he did experiments to establish whether SV40 could cause cancer in humans. He and another researcher infected cells taken from human embryos with the monkey virus (this is in the 1960's) and recorded how the cells were* ***transformed or became cancerous.***



The polio time Bomb – Page 10 *The Age* Gary Hughes "*The day batch 64 entered the bloodstream" "Infected vaccine put a generation at risk*".

Many babies either fit or unfit for adoption were used and/or died as a result of these experiments or received contaminated Salk vaccine. ALL babies are part of the present Commonwealth Senate Inquiry and the Inquiry cannot be exclusive – it must be inclusive of all **NATURAL MOTHERS AND ALL BABIES subjected to such illegal and unlawful practices and procedures**.

Names mentioned in Medical Journals of those either carrying out experiments on babies/children in institutions or names of those that were acknowledged with giving

permission for the experiments are not worth mentioning – even though their actions under law – all are **guilty of intent to endanger another's life.**

Leave the angels souls still tormented by the torture they received – I don't think so. They need to be acknowledged and they are here with the RED ROSE OF REMEMBRANCE. Once again, these experiments violated the human rights of our abducted babies, violated beyond comprehension by the same professionals that abducted them. Those that violated an unmarried natural mother's human rights in the segregation chamber, violating a mother's human **rights, by not obtaining her consent for the treatment they inflicted on their babies.**

On file is a copy of a blank consent form and only one Consent Form that has been signed by a mother before the drug experiments could begin – therefore as proof that consent had to be signed by the mother. This particular consent is from a mother whose child was in her custody. A thorough search has taken place at National Australian Archives, together with interviews with Walter and Eliza Hall Institute personnel, CSL employees, AND the only consent form found is the one mentioned above. Why should that surprise the reader – the pattern continues when the consent of an unmarried natural mother was never obtained prior or just after birth to be separated from their baby.

The trend throughout drug experimentations and the separation of mother and baby at birth – run parallel with the same arguments given by the so called experts.

Many drug experimentation articles discovered continually hand passing the responsibility –

- ***"No the doctor at the babies home gave consent,***
- ***no the person in charge gave consent –***
- ***no the doctor undertaking the drug experiments arranged consents –***
- **and the excuses continue".**

It is hoped that the Senate Inquiry will carefully examine these drug experimentations because many were awaiting adoption or unfit for adoption- the same babies who were abducted from their unmarried natural mothers.

Their remains lay in unmarked, overgrown with weeds, grave sites around the cemeteries in the State of Victoria. Communications with the Victorian Government in relation to a plaque being erected on a gravesite at the Preston cemetery took place between September 2004 and May 2005 and communications were also held throughout this time and later with a representative of the Preston Cemetery by the writer.

Many babies who died (many abducted at birth and placed in institutional care) lay in unmarked graves in Victorian cemeteries. Many buried under assumed names to cover up natural mothers never notified of their babies' deaths.

The Department of Human Services letter dated 6 January 2005 advised that

"The Preston Cemetery trust would be willing to place a communal plaque on the site with room for additional smaller plaques if any family members wished to place their own memorial plaque."

Note: I would like to highlight here – the deaths of these angels occurred in the 1950 and 1960's some 45+ years earlier.

"The department will write to the cemetery trust advising that we do not object to the placing of a communal plaque at the graveside of the children who died while in the care of the state".

The Victorian Government still today refuses TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION.

Declaration of Helsinki and the Declaration of Geneva of the World Medical Association. (18th World Medical Assembly, Helsinki, Finland June 1964).

Both these declarations bind the physician with the words "The health of my patient will be my first consideration".

The medical professionals who separated mother and baby at birth also undertook drug experimentations on many of these babies contravening the Declaration of Helsinki and the Declaration of Geneva of the World Medical Association.

One of the diseases was Herpes simplex and even during drug experimentations on babies placed in institutional care after being declared 'unfit' for adoption – many of these babies were injected with the disease Herpes simplex as part of the outrageous drug experimentations conducted in the State of Victoria.

It was their expert opinion that unmarried mothers were 'low life' and that whilst their babies were protected from any transmitted sexual disease for the first 7 months of their life through antibodies from the mother; these babies were injected with the disease so that an experimental vaccination could be trialed and tested as a possible

cure for Herpes simplex. There is no reasonable, compassionate human being could accept such **intentional inhumane treatment on these babies. Can you?**

The vaccination FAILED as there still is no cure today for Herpes simplex. What happened to these angels that had been injected with Herpes simplex? The Commonwealth Serum Laboratories handwritten registers detail the names of babies and children used during their various drug experimentations are available for viewing at the National Archives of Australia.

"In the Children's Home in which Dr (...) s experiments were made, the children with great regularity became infected either clinically (with stomatitis) or sub clinically between the 12th and 20th months of age. It was thought that immunization by two dozes of formalized vaccine of infants between 8 and 12 months of age might provide protection at the critical period.

The children were divided into vaccinated and control groups and their subsequent study and the collection of sera was kindly undertaken by Dr (...) The clinical records and the final tests of sera for neutralizing antibody are in accord in showing that the attempted immunization **FAILED" (Walter and Eliza Hall Institute Annual Report)**

It must be remembered that many of the children (who were labeled fit for adoption) were only temporarily housed in institutions and many of the children injected left midway through the experimentation studies and have never been followed up.

Because all these drug experimentations took place in Victoria, it is no wonder that the Victorian Government (whether Labor or Liberal/National) will not allow natural mothers identifying information. The stronger natural mothers/fathers fight for the freedom to obtain identifying information the stronger the Victorian Governments refuse such requests, making more argument and calling on experts to support them?

At no time, was the consent of the natural mother received for such horrendous, outrageous experiments on their baby and it was impossible for the baby to give his/her consent for the experiments.

Taking the handwritten registers of babies' names that were used as guinea pigs and compare names on the Victorian Death Register 1920-1985 – and the deaths of many of these helpless angels will be confirmed. It is understood that DRUG EXPERIMENTS ONLY HAPPENED IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

Our babies were not commodities – they were little human beings.

These procedures no different to those used by Hitler when he had the young children in Germany '**checked in' and then 'passed as fit'.** If they failed a fitness test – they were exterminated (and used in drug experimentations) '**declared unfit for adoption'** then were placed in to an institution (exterminated from society) – in most cases – for their childhood years. The following is so important to comprehend attitudes in 1968.

> **Royal Women's Hospital Annual Report 1968 – Medical Social Work**
> (...) **Senior Social Worker**
>
> *"The strain imposed on all hospital facilities by the increase of single girl confinements and adoptions has been greatly exacerbated by the lack of community facilities to which babies, whose adoption is deferred on medical grounds, could be discharged.*
>
> *Much medical social work time is expended on endeavoring to find vacancies for such babies. These vacancies are becoming so difficult to obtain that one can foresee the possibility that girls may be forced to care for their own babies until they are medically cleared for adoption – unless facilities for the temporary holding of babies rapidly expand in the near future. Forcing girls temporarily to hold medically deferred babies is a course which holds such dangers that humanitarian reason aside* ***– it would be against the community's interests to permit this to occur.***

The above words speak for themselves

GUARDIANSHIP/PARENTAL RIGHTS

Natural mothers in Victoria at least, did not lose guardianship/parental rights until the signing of the adoption order under the 1959 and 1964 Adoption Act. I have a copy of a court transcript in the late 1960's against the Royal Women's Hospital where a natural mother applied to the court at the time of the adoption application hearing, and whilst the hospital had ignored all the mother's previous pleas, the Judge **gave the hospital's representative a 'blast and a legal lesson on the definition of Guardianship versus Guardian. The baby was returned to its natural mother.**

Further **Adoption of Children's Act (NSW) 1965 s.31c**

> ***"On receipt of a notice that consent has been signed the putative father may file a notice with the Court for an order for care, custody and guardianship of the child. The court must determine such an application***

before considering any application for adoption of the child and may join any party to the putative father's application as it thinks fit. The court may then make an order for the care, custody or guardianship of the child as it thinks fit. This would have the effect of cancelling the guardianship of the child by any other person".

The NSW Adoption Act is also **very clear on guardianship as well.**

It was the granting of the adoption order than removed guardianship and parental rights from the mother. The consent form also states that the adoption order removes **parental rights.** Under the 1964 Adoption Act whilst a guardian might have been appointed – such actions were only because under the 1958 Adoption Act **they required the natural mother's permission** for any medical treatment of the baby up until the adoption proceedings.

The appointment of a guardian removed this requirement. If the authorities (Government or private agencies) were given guardianship – it was required by law for a hearing to be held making the baby a State Ward and a mother would have had to of been in attendance or notified in writing. This did not happen with our babies. A natural mother regardless of age held guardianship/parental rights immediately the baby was born.

PSYCHO ANALYSIS

The separation of mother and baby at birth was also seen as psycho analysis experiment. Such experiments were carried out around the world with many mothers and babies being used as guinea pigs. An example of these experiments is the astonishing story of twins separated at birth for nature or nurture experiment in USA. They were cruelly separated and secretly studied as part of a research project into whether human behavior is the result of nature or nurture.

For 35 years identical twins didn't know the other existed.

"So what have you been up to since we shared a womb?

Dramatic headlines in the Herald Sun November 4, 2007 pages 48 and 49.

Australians would be naïve to think that the same experiments did not happen in Australia and it has been said the separation of an unmarried natural mother from her baby at birth was also a nature or nurture experiment.

Unmarried mother's parents

The unmarried mother's natural parents had no legal rights but in many cases, stood back and allowed these atrocities to take place. The stories continually referred to are that the unmarried mother's parents gave consent for the adoption of their daughter's baby. If this is vaguely true, it further endorses the illegal actions carried out in the segregation chamber.

The **legal point** destroys their myth (saga, parable, allegory and fairy tale). Reality is that their story is a falsehood, fiction, an illusion (ignorance of the law was no excuse) in minds, a true fabrication of the facts and truth.

Under the **Crimes Act** and the Kidnapping Act 1960 there is no time limit set – for a person to be charged with abduction or kidnapping.

Possibly as a consequence of Mr. Galvin's decision at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal – many 'Government' and 'nongovernmental officials are back peddling – stating that consent was not given by a young unmarried natural mother to be separated from her baby and birth (exactly what natural mothers have been saying since the mid 1990's) – but was given by the girls' parent/s.

They have all about faced and placing the blame for their own illegal and unlawful practices at the feet of the 'elders' of the family. **That is so weird – and only a temporary cop out.** Thousands of articles have been written on adoption since the mid 1960's and as an example out of 5,000 articles, 4,999 articles state that the unmarried mother surrendered or abandoned her own baby because of her impoverishment etc.

I refer the reader back to Mr. John Galvin's Administrative Appeals Tribunal of Victoria's decision re a mother's medical records. His decision on the confidentiality of a mother's medical records and the confidentiality between patient and doctor is unquestionable and indubitable evidence that gives credence to the violation of a natural mother's privacy and undoubted absolute positive and definite evidence of the abduction of newly born babies within the hospital systems as the baby was part of the mother's medical records. If the medical profession had of been true to their other ethical standards we would not be writing submissions some 45 years later to a Commonwealth Senate Inquiry. Medical practitioners broke every law of our great Nation and nobody STOPPED THEM**.**

Extract from "Sex and Suffering – Women's Health and a Women's Hospital – Janet McCalman"

Dr. (...) (ı (...)
) stated

"*Those illegitimate or unwanted babies should be found better homes and that everyone – the child, the mother and the adopting family – would be better off was an* ***unshakeable conviction.*** *Everyone agreed that a single mother* ***was***

unable to provide both financially and socially *and that she owed it to her child to give it a better chance in life.* (...) *by 1960 senior obstetric consultant at the Women's. argued as the R.H. Featherstone Memorial Lecturer, that the obstetrician had a duty to urge the unmarried to relinquish their babies, to break the cycles of poverty and parental dysfunction, and that adoption was a case where the rule "when in doubt, do" should prevail. A single mother was doomed to poverty and marginality. Science now endorsed this 'a good environment will make a better job of bad genes than a bad environment will make of good genes'. As for the biological mother, often she was matured by 'the experience' and he had seen many happily adjusted married women who have had a child out of wedlock." (Medical Journal of Australia 30 July 1960 – pp 165-6)*

The following is extract from Sex and Suffering (Managing Difference) page 273

OBSTETRICIAN'S ANXIETIES

In 1959, Dr D.F. Lawson, leading doctor from the Royal Women's Hospital when delivering a lecture at the R.D. Fetherstone Memorial Lecture included in his lecture "The Obstetrician's Anxieties". Under this title he stated "the obstetrician has a particular duty when dealing with single girls who become pregnant. This is a big problem. When you see a single girl who is pregnant, I think there are two questions to ask, "Do you love him?" "Can you marry him?" If the answer to both is "yes" you urge the girl to get married. I think it very wrong to marry for no other reason than to make a birth legitimate. Those who live by the sword perish by the sword. Those who marry with a shotgun are inclined to find the marriage dissolved with a shotgun. The prospect of the unmarried girl or of her family adequately caring for a child and giving it a normal environment and upbringing is so small that I believe for practical purposes it can be ignored. I believe that in all such cases the obstetrician should urge that the child be adopted. "When in double don't". is part of the wisdom of living – but over adoptions I would suggest that "when in doubt, do" should be the rule."

The Women's led the field in this new rational management of ex-nuptial birthing, and its trainees took the practices to other hospitals both public and private. Unmarried and pregnant, you were by definition a social work case. The social work theory, argue Swain and Howe, focused on the pregnant girl's 'mental anguish' rather than on her social or economic problems, and the first question she was asked was whether she was going to keep the baby. Inevitably, 'consenting to adoption was an instant way of regaining the social approval which most single mothers had lost immediately their pregnancy became obvious'.[30] The decision

The unthinkable and unconscionable opinions and actions of (...) **and his colleagues are now left for the members of the committee to devote more time to.**

ASBESTOS – SERIOUS HEALTH THREAT TO UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES

Many babies, children and young mothers (prior to her pregnancy) who resided in the many homes throughout Victoria) were faced with deadly health risks. The care of all residents was not taken into consideration and victims have been ignored for long enough.

Mothers, babies and children were at risk and are still at high risk of mesothelioma no matter how brief their stay was in these homes and no matter the amount of years that have passed since their discharge from residency.

The other asbestos disease is asbestosis and both diseases have no medical science cure. Lung cancer is a possible third health risk they were faced with.

These actions are unethical and immoral and a further miscarriage of justice against unmarried mothers and their babies. At birth thrown into a burning inferno and still at the discovery and removal of asbestos in places where mothers and babies resided, thrown on the 'asbestos heap'.

The Uniting Church of Australia (Victoria) Presbyterian Babies Home (later named Canterbury Family Centre) Ref: VPRS 4523/P2 Unit 900 File 13-38

On 27 May 1980 work was carried out on the Ceiling of the **After Care Hospital for the treatment of asbestos.** Capital works funded by the Victorian Government through the Administrative Officer to Health Commission of Victoria, Finance Division.

IMMORAL AND ILLEGAL BURIALS OF UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHERS' BABIES

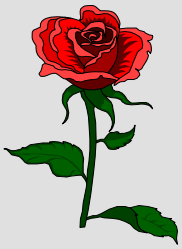
In some cases **their babies died in infancy and the natural mothers were never informed. Their babies buried without their permission under an assumed name to hide the baby's identity, even though the natural mother's name appeared on the death certificate.** Undertakers, cemetery trust personnel participating in illegal burials. Natural mothers facing further enormous loss and grief when they commence their search for reconnection and are informed '**your baby died in infancy'.**

The grief, pain and suffering hearing that your baby had died at 3 months old or 5 months old – some 20+ years earlier – too devastating for some mothers to cope with as they tried to confront the Government barriers and walls raised up against them again to hide the truth – this time about the death and burial of their abducted baby.

Note: In Victoria, these illegal burials were exposed during the Victoria's Cemeteries and Crematoria Options for Legislative Reform of the Cemeteries Act 1958 – Department of Human Services – receiving submissions till 22 February 2002. Several natural mothers, fought tirelessly and successfully for the inclusion of

amendments to the new Legislation so that such illegal burials would never happen again in the future.

The legislation was amended so if any illegal burials should occur in the future, any participant of an illegal burial would face charges. If they do penalty can be 240 penalty units or 2 years imprisonment or both. The new cemeteries and crematoria laws began on 1 July 2005. The new laws introduced important reforms to the way cemeteries and crematoria are managed and administered in Victoria.



The Red Rose of Remembrance dedicated to the memories of all God's angels whose deaths and burials (under false names as well) are still hidden from their unmarried natural mothers. R.I.P. angels.

Naturally this new law was not 'retrospective' so charges against those that participated in the burial of unmarried natural mothers' babies in the past (under a false name) without her permission could not be charged.

Past cemetery burial records displaying an incorrect baby's name and a false mother's name (not matching the death certificate) is still an outstanding serious issue outstanding. The non notification (the segregation process continuing) to an unmarried natural mother of the death of her infant was immoral and illegal practices and must not be excluded from the Senate Inquiry under the treatment received by unmarried natural mothers and their babies.

Babies separated from their mothers not once but twice within such a short time Natural mothers internalizing about their babies to later discover their death. The system inflicting a further loss emotion on these natural mothers and such illegal treatment must be included in the Commonwealth Senate Inquiry so these babies cannot be remembered as 'disposed commodity'.

More Socially Competent – One Parent

Children with one parent Australia 24.2.1982 "More Socially Competent".

> *"Preliminary results from a **federally funded research study** suggests that children with a single parent homes are **socially competent than those brought up in a normal family.***
>
> *Not only do such children show greater maturity younger but a significant degree of independence not found among children of two parent homes.*
>
> *The results were yesterday described as totally unexpected by the Director of the Institute of Family Studies Dr. Don Edgar.*
>
> *Single parent child also had the benefit of lengthier conversations with its parent on a host of subjects that the two parent child did not."*

This report disputes all arguments that have been concocted (invented, fictional, fictitious, pretend) to the present day to cover up past illegal and unlawful actions and

these **funded federally** findings which would have taken several years to complete, on completion is less than 10 years from the 'stoppage' of illegal and unlawful separation of an unmarried natural mother and her baby at birth. The study is also only 15 years from the 'boom years' of the separation of mother and baby at birth.

Year of Birth	Age at Year of Study - 1982
1960	22
1961	21
1962	20
1963	19
1964	18
1965	17
1966	16
1967	15
1968	14
1969	13
1970	12
1971	11
1972	10
1973	9
1974	8

This **federally funded research** study defeats any argument Dr. Lawson in 1959 and his colleagues engineered by abducting unmarried Natural mothers' babies during the 1950-1970 dark years of our Nation's history that we were incompetent to be mothers. The **federally funded research** states different. This study was completed in 1982 and includes children born from 1960 (aged 22 at time study was complete) and onwards that grew up with their mother.

As a great CRIMINAL lawyer would say

"Your Honor – the Case for the Defense – RESTS".

CONSENT is a contract

Under common law **a consent in 1957 became an informed consent (as had it all been explained)** declaring that doctors have a duty to disclose "**any facts" which are necessary** to form the basis of an intelligent consent by the patient.

A signed informed consent stands as evidence that a patient has been informed about and has given permission for what is described on the form. Consent forms protect the rights of the patient not those of the doctor. Signing a consent form does not waive **the right to sue for malpractice.**

Therefore, where is the signed informed consent that unmarried natural mothers' signed giving permission for the medical professionals to separate her and her baby in the segregation chamber?

It does not exist. Unfortunately as the voyage of truth continues to glide through the sea of truth – they still sit in their ivory towers safe from any actions against them – BECAUSE THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT AMENDED THEIR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TO 3 YEARS. The Victorian Government amending this law possibly as a means of non litigation against former persons involved in records to and of an adoption. Mothers' consents were obtained under duress, fraud, other improper means and/or undue influence because the 'system' had already been put in place for the abduction of their babies, therefore the abductors needed a mother's signature to complete their illegal abductions.

> "Duress – the victim's intentional submission arising from the realization that there is no other practical choice open to him."

In 1991 the Director-General of Community Services, Victoria Mr. John Paterson said

> *"he had no doubt illegal adoptions happened on a significant scale" until the 1970's in Victoria. It was just a holocaust".*

Adoption Act 1984 – Victoria

On 12 September 1984 the then Minister for Community Welfare Services Mrs. Toner, having noted that the new Bill incorporated changes from the first Bill 'without altering the general direction' of the first, invoked her second reading speech on the first Bill. In that speech, made on 2nd May 1984 said:

> *"The Government is repealing the previous Act rather than making a large number of amendments to it in order that the new law may be more easily obtained and better understood by members of the public and their legal representatives … Because the Adoption Bill replaces the previous legislation; it also continues many of the provisions of the earlier legislation*".

Discussion Paper September 1983 – Child Welfare Practices and Legislation Review Committee – Chairman Terry Carney

> Adoption is the most drastic and permanent type of substitute care. Adoption legally severs the bond between child and family and gives the child a new family and family identity. Because it is so permanent. Extreme care must be taken before adoption is chose as the preferred option for a child. For this reason, the Committee supports the recommendations of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Report (March 1983).

One of the recommendations was that consent to adoption should be taken within the Court, by the Registrar, so that the serious and final nature of the decision being made is clearly understood.

It is a strong debatable legal issue that any consent taken before the 1984 Adoption Act was required to be witnessed by an impartial person and not a person with a conflict of interest within the 'procedures'. Social workers were unable to witness a natural mother's consent in line with Victorian Psychiatrist Legislation during the 1950-1970's.

Further an adoption agency social worker was also unable to witness consent as they were acting for their clients – prospective adoptive parents – therefore the consent taking procedures during the 1950-1970's need careful examination.

Under the Commonwealth Constitution, Rule of Law and Common Law – many consents taken were and still are illegal on the following grounds.

Intention to create legal relations – Elements of Contract

The law does not hold that a contract exists simply because there is an agreement between people. The parties to the agreement must intend to enter into a legally binding agreement. This will seldom be stated explicitly but will usually be inferred from the circumstances in which the agreement was made.

Legal capacity of a party to contract

Not all people are completely free to enter into a valid contract. The contracts of the groups of people involve problematic consent, and are dealt with separately.

> Young People – The term young person is used to refer to anyone under the age of 18 years (s2 Age of Majority Act 1977 (Vic). Sometimes, legal writings refer to minors or infants. Prior to 1963 the Age of Majority was 21.
>
> The exact capacities of young people to bind themselves and be bound by contract is limited and doubt as to the young unmarried natural mother's ability in signing a consent for adoption under duress etc. is clear.
>
> An unmarried natural mother displayed no legal capacity to sign a consent form under her present medical state following the abduction of her baby, therefore such consents are invalid.

With the taking of consents the following legal issues have occurred.

Unconscionable conduct – occurs where two required are satisfied.

1. one party to a contract or transaction is under a special disability and
2. the other party takes unfair advantage of that disability, either with knowledge of that disability or where the other party has closed their eyes to the disability.

An unmarried natural mother's special disability is her drugged and medical condition brought about by the drugs administered to her during the days prior to the consent being obtained.

The social workers took unfair advantage of an unmarried natural mother's drugged and medical condition with **full knowledge of the mother's special disability.**

Duress – Proper consent may be affected by duress.

> Duress is held to have occurred where there has been actual or threatened, violence either to the other contracting party direct or to the immediately family, near relatives or close associates. The duress may be made by someone acting under the instructions of the party to the contract. The net effect, though, will have been that a party has been forced into the contract by being deprived of their **free will to act.**

Undue Influence – Proper consent may be affected by undue influence.

> Undue influence is exercised by taking unfair and improper advantage of the weakness of the other party, to the extend that it cannot be said that that party intended voluntarily to enter into the contract.
>
> The main reason for the rule against the use of undue influence is to correct abuses of trust and confidence. It is applies where the parties are in a relationship where one party may have access to exercising considerable influence over the other party.

It is these legal factors that were illegally and unlawfully broken by medical professionals and all other parties that contributed to, and were part of, the separation of an unmarried natural mother and her newborn in the **segregation chamber with the hospital walls in Victoria.**

Thought I would drop in and say – thanks and hurrah

Reminder - Many mothers also were informed that their baby had died but in actual fact their baby had been passed off to a mother whose baby died at birth – the image of a doctor or nurse grabbing a baby at birth in the labor ward from a defenseless mother and running to another labor ward with her baby and then telling the **married mother** this was her baby. No thought to the consequences such despicable actions would bring in the future. **That was illegal and those involved knew they were breaking the law**. What happened to the baby that had died? Thrown in the hospital incinerator where most still born babies were thrown or used as a research guinea pig. In the 1980's it was revealed that medical research laboratories had stored many still born babies remains in a sealed display jar for future research. **FACT.**

Adoption Agencies

The Catholic Family Welfare Bureau is not a separate organization but is a division of the Catholic Church in Melbourne and is not a public institution. (Most Rev Denis J Hart DD VG Auxiliary Bishop letter 5 May 1998)

With that comment, the Catholic Church therefore must also take responsibilities for the former workers of the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau and acknowledge the illegal and unlawful carried out in the Church's name. Australia's first Saint – Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop set up the Broadmeadows Babies Home opened on May 4, 1901. Adoption was never part of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop's views for her profession and the St. Joseph's Home she set up. Her views were to help mothers. Somewhere down the track her wishes were disregarded by whoever. A mother's consent was only meant to be (or to be dispensed with) after a period of time of non-contact by the mother with her child if the child was placed voluntarily in the care of the Nuns or Brothers at St. Anthony's as it was believed they deserved to have a family life. IT WAS MEANT TO BE TO ABDUCTION BABIES FOR INFERTILE COUPLE UNDER ANY ADOPTION ACT.

The ***Objects of the Institution*** was to take care of unmarried mothers and their babies. Mothers were expected to **breast feed their own babies** and unmarried mothers were in a position to pay their expenses. The Government in 1901 paid 10/- per week to these mothers. In 1900 – 10/- was a large sum of money and this information was obtained from a document in Saint Mary of the Cross, MacKillop own writing.

The Patrons for the St. Joseph's Home was His Grace (...) , His Lordship

Dr. (...) and Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This picture is displayed on the hand written document by Saint Mary of the Cross.

It is then hoped that Cardinal Pell and the Archbishops of the Catholic Church of Australia will also acknowledge the grief, suffering and pain that unmarried mothers have had to endure throughout their lives as a result of the Catholic Church workers. The serious issues were placed before the Catholic Church Bishops Conference some 10 years ago and natural mothers are deafened by the silence they have received.

Sister (...) letter to Hon (...) Minister for Social Welfare, in 1975 is one of great interest. It advises that the Nuns co-operated with CFWB in aspects of adoption work. This letter advises that THERE ARE NURSERY RECORDS FOR BABIES and confirms it was not their responsibility to have contact with the natural mother only contact with prospective adopting parents.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop would never have allowed the illegal and unlawful practices in the 1950-1970 eras against unmarried natural mothers to have occurred. Saint Mary would be standing up alongside natural mothers for the dark period of our Nation to be heard.

Saint Mary  of the Cross MacKillop

Australian Human Rights Commission

everyone, everywhere, everyday

Roy Jordan

Law and Bills Digest Group

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How are human rights protected in Australian law?

In Australia, human rights are protected in different ways. Rights may be found in the Constitution, common law and legislation - Acts passed by the Commonwealth Parliament or State or Territory Parliaments.

Australia's Constitution

In recent years the High Court has found that additional rights for individuals may be necessarily implied by the language and structure of the Constitution.

Common law

Australia's common law was inherited from the United Kingdom. And that in turn developed from the Magna Carta of 1215 which was probably the first human rights treaty - between King John and his Barons - in England if not the world. So human rights regulating the freedom of the citizen and limiting the power of the King or government are fundamental to our law.

Common law is often called 'judge-made' law. This distinguishes it from laws made in Parliament. It is certainly true that many protections we can identify as human rights

are protected by Australian judges applying common law principles. Examples include the obligation of a court to refuse to allow an unfair trial to go ahead (even though the common law does not recognise a right to free legal representation in a criminal trial). *Dietrich v R (*1992) 177 CLR 292. and the interpretation of permissible limits on freedom of movement within Australia. The test for the lawfulness of restrictions on freedom of interstate commerce (as guaranteed by the Constitution) was stated in various ways in *Cunliffe v The Commonwealth* (1994) 182 CLR 272.

WHEN AND WHY DID THESE ILLEGAL AND UNLAWFUL ACTIONS COMMENCE TO CEASE to name just a few

- The formation of the Single Mother and her Child Association under Pat Harper in Victoria in 1967 and its growth to a National body in 1971.
- Organisations such as Jig Saw also formed around the same time, stood up and took on the challenge on behalf of single mothers and their babies.
- The awakening of single mothers
- Many important changes were achieved following the **Australia Royal Commission on Human Relationships** chaired by (...) and later chaired by (...)

This Royal Commission on Human Relationships changed the fabric of what was known as **forced adoptions from the 1950 to 1970.**

The transcript of evidence given at public hearings was opened in Sydney on Wednesday 6 November 1974 continued in Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, Bunbury, Hobart, Sydney, Melbourne and closed in Sydney on Thursday 12 February 1976.

The subjects covered – Interpersonal relations – Australia

Australia – social conditions 1945.

Final Report of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships is Parliamentary Paper (Australia Parliament) No. 104-108, 1978

ISBN 0642928893 (set): 06429288933 (series)

These documents are held in the Commonwealth Parliament Library and it is recommended that the Senate Inquiry Committee Members 'call' for a copy of this valuable report. It played a significant role in the 'new adoption act of 1984 enacted in the State of Victoria.'

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE

Adoption statistics *dropped when it was considered under new Family Law Reform in 1973 that the court should not grant an adoption order by relatives or by a parent and step parent, but to grant a custody order or other order unless the court believed an adoption order in these cases would better promote the interest of the child.*

The responsibility for all related adoptions were transferred to the Federal Family Court under the new Family Law in 1953

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE

The Commonwealth Government in 1972 reformed **federal** administrative law in an endeavour to enhance the **rights of individuals adversely affected by bureaucratic** (officious, self-important, interfering, intrusive, overbearing) **decisions.** The Commonwealth Administrative Appeals Tribunal commenced operations (1975) and the Commonwealth Ombudsman was put into place in 1977. Commonwealth legislation was passed in 1977 to simplify **procedures for judicial review of administrative decisions.**

Sir Robert Menzies after the 2nd World War took up the challenge of arbitrary bureaucratic (over-bearing, interfering, intrusive, self-important, officious) power to our liberal ideals and **governments** took firm action to protect the **individual citizen** against any random, subjective, uninformed, illogical, impulsive erratic bureaucratic action such as that inhumane treatment that unmarried natural mothers and their babies were subjected to.

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE

In the early 1970's the Commonwealth Government opened more Crèche facilities so that children could be minded when mothers went to work.

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE

All babies' homes were the ground base for the Mothercraft Training Program. In the early 1970's the Victorian Government withdrew this training program.

Following the withdrawal of this program – newborn and young babies were no longer required for this training program and as a consequence the majority of these homes closed down between 1974 and 1976.

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE

The retirement of the former Premier of Victoria Henry Bolte in August 1972 played a major role together with the defeat of the long standing Commonwealth Liberal Party.

These atrocities against unmarried natural mothers and their babies mainly happened in Victoria during the reign of the late Henry Bolte as Premier and whilst this is only a personal assumption, Henry Bolte and Mr. Justice Sholl who brought down the Supreme Court decision against Gordon and Gotch probably were friends. Premiers, Attorney Generals and judges normally mixed in the same social circles – the old school tie syndrome and through politics and law reform. Further the Commonwealth Governments during this time was the Liberal Party.

The following included as a reference note only. WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Proof that the Federal Government can override State Governments, is the example of Federal Government's actions following Bolte's barbaric inhumane treatment of Ronald Ryan, the last man hanged in Australia on 3rd February, 1967.

Federal Government introduced the DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION ACT in 1973. The State of Victoria and indeed the whole of Australia were up in arms over the death penalty, regarded by many as an anachronism. It is his barbaric inhumane treatment and his uncompromising approach (ignoring the Rule of Law, Commonwealth Constitution) that he will always be remembered for.

The Liberal Government failed at the following election and the son of the former State Labor Leader Mr. John Cain Snr (former Premier of Victoria before 1955) won the Victorian election – Mr. John Cain Jnr. Upon Bolte's resignation the Liberal Party was lead to the next election by **Rupert Hamer (who was the honorary solicitor for the Queen Victoria Hospital where at least 50 per cent of forced adoptions occurred.)** Rupert Hamer became Premier of Victoria.

The mentality and thoughtless attitudes of the Bolte Government towards the changing times in society in the late 1950/1960's – did he and his fellow parliamentarians believe that it would be 'unwise' and 'dangerous' to accept the 'rock n roll era, sexual revolution etc. during his reign? The stiff upper lip of the British loyalists and moralists prevailed over unmarried natural mothers and their babies following the decision of **Mr. Justice Sholl.** **(see article on Obscenity Act Charges above).**

What happened to the honesty, decency, integrity, veracity and reliability of our country's politicians during 1950-1970 eras?

It was Premier John Cain Jnr and his Party's win over the Liberal Party that commissioned for a complete inquiry and review into the Victorian Adoption Act 1964.

This review and inquiry into past adoption practices was comprehensive bringing about **a new Adoption Act in 1984.** The old saying is "*if it's not broken – leave it alone*".

Premier John Cain and his Cabinet believed the adoption policies and practices were

broken and needed to be fixed.

The final report of this comprehensive review in Victoria should be carefully studied by the Commonwealth Senate Committee members. The transcripts and final report give evidential proof to the treatment received by unmarried mothers in the 1950-1970 eras and it is because of this review and inquiry (only into the adoption scene) that the Victorian Government have repeatedly refused to hold an Inquiry into the past illegal and unlawful practices carried out against unmarried mothers and their babies in the eras mentioned.

A dramatic downturn in the illegal and unlawful separations of mothers and babies in the segregation chamber occurred when the Labor Party was elected in Victoria and I do not believe that is coincidence.

FURTHER AWARENESS BY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT

The Commonwealth Government and Governments around Australia have been aware of the grief, pain and suffering unmarried natural mothers have endured for many, many years.

That is an undeniable fact – and up until the Western Australian Government's bi-partisan apology in October 2010 to unmarried natural mothers in their State – no other State was prepared to '**stand up'** and acknowledge the past actions.

New South Wales and Tasmanian Governments each held an inquiry into past adoption practices and failed to take the findings any further than the tabling of the Committee's final report in Parliament.

(...) **– Member** and later Chairperson of Royal Commission into Human Relationships – aired a film on Channel 7 – Australia wide – in 1965 "*With Love but Regret". After an extensive search u*nfortunately a copy of this documentary has not been located and even through communication with Ms (...) – she has apologized as she also does not have a copy of her own documentary.

Four Corners – ABC – 1971 – aired an in depth documentary on what was happening to natural mothers and their babies in the segregation chamber (labor ward). The photo of the young mother taken in hospital, held down by shackles included in my submission was part of that program.

RECONNECTION not reconciliation or being reunited with your own natural child

A natural mother does not need to be reconciled with her baby or to be reunited. A natural mother is seeking

- **reconnection of**

the bond and tie only a natural mother and baby can have that was destroyed through abduction. It was the bond and tie that was illegally broken at the time of birth – not only the cutting of the umbilical cord took place but the cutting of the physical bond (connection, union, attachment, relationship, friendship) and tie (join, bring together) that only a natural mother and her baby can experience.

What experts failed to identify or remember was that the bond and tie of natural mother and baby happened long before the actual birthing process – it commences throughout the previous 9 months i.e. from conception. The Christmas birth of Jesus is known as the nativity scene and it is this nativity (mother had given delivery through labor during her confinement) scene of natural mother and her baby that was obliterated, annihilated, demolished causing devastation to mother and her baby.

NATURAL MOTHERS HAVE NOT BEEN ERADICATED AS THE PAST EXPERTS HOPED

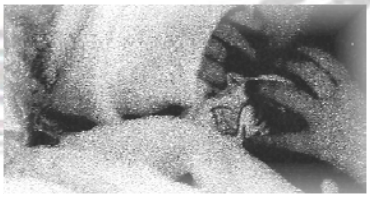
Natural mothers were not eradicated, eliminated, demolished nor destroyed as the experts hoped in the 1950-1970 era of our history. Those responsible in the separation of mother and baby at birth may have thought that they had obliterated the nativity scene between mother and baby, but they were wrong then and they are wrong today.

MANY NATURAL MOTHERS HAVE REMAINED STANDING EVEN THROUGH TIMES IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO

- LAY DOWN
- GIVE UP
- TOO TIRED TO CONTINUE TO, and
- FIGHT FOR THE TRUTH.

The nativity of our babies did happen and the

- **joy, peace, happiness**
- **contentment and elation of motherhood**
- **ecstasy and excitement of motherhood**



- **exhilaration and elation of motherhood**

all illegally deprived of and mothers left without her baby for the rest of their days.

Why then has the ‘authorities’ over the past 30 years, spent so much money trying to detract from the truth that natural mothers are speaking? They declared war on unmarried mothers never thinking that in 1984 those natural mothers would be given the opportunity to be awakened from their ‘lost dreams’ and learn about past actions.

The terminology foundling (orphan, waif, urchin or stray – wandering or abandoned) does not include a natural mother's baby who was abducted from the segregation chamber. In the early 1900's many BABIES were found in the streets and children were found wandering the streets of Melbourne, living in poverty and in 2010 the terminology used is 'homeless'.

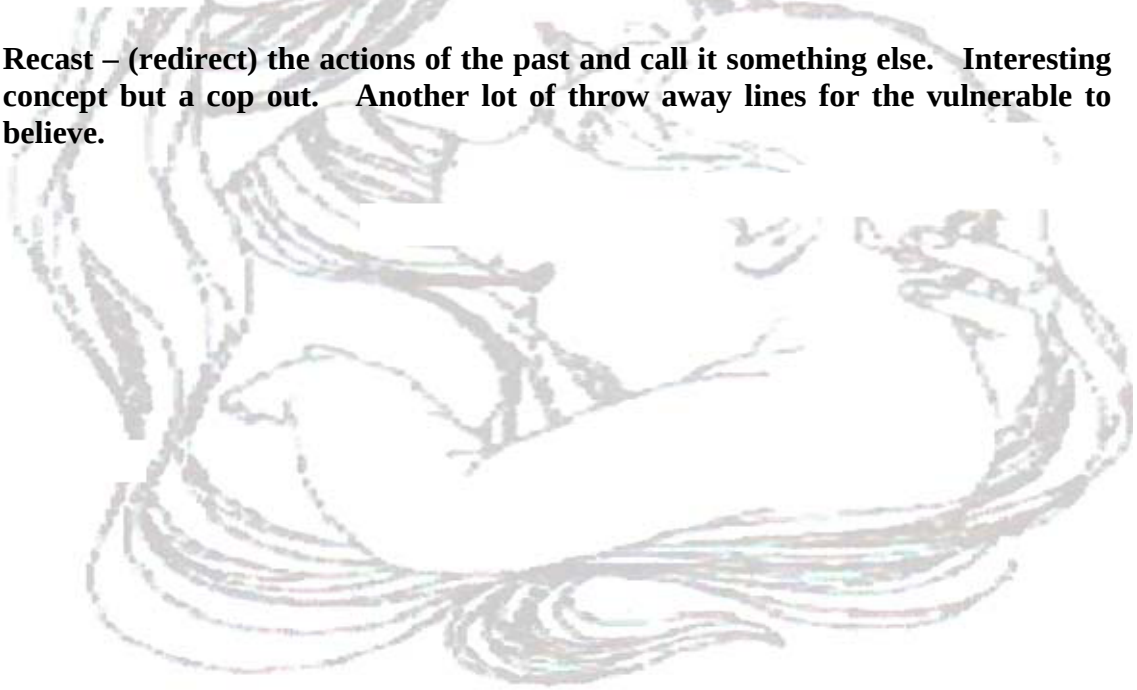
Our babies were never homeless, never unloved and never abandoned by their natural mother and in many cases by their natural father either.

The recent article Thursday December 16, 2010 page 17, entitled "Motherhood does not suit all" needs to be examined carefully.

"Past adoptions have been recast as the stolen white generation." Social workers did not allow a mother to bond with her child immediately after birth removing the baby forever in the past".

Note: This article confirms Dr. (...) , (both Hospital and Charities Commission) (...) (Royal Women's Hospital Social Worker and Mrs. (...) ocial Worker Queen Victoria Hospital's actions as mentioned earlier in the submission.

Recast – (redirect) the actions of the past and call it something else. Interesting concept but a cop out. Another lot of throw away lines for the vulnerable to believe.



REVIEW OF STATISTICS - EX NUPITAL BIRTHS

Statistics used are from the ABS data (recalculated into presented form) and/or Government Department's annual audited reports. All tables attached at end of submission.

Each mother reflected under the ex nuptial birth heading has to be given her own recognition.

> *The factor of defective recording techniques may explain the large differences between the illegitimate rates of the States and perhaps may be a partial explanation of the apparent increase of the rate in recent years*. *(R. Sackville, Aust. Law Journal Vol. 44 January 30, 1970, page 6)*

Many ex-nuptial births were legitimized with the marriage of parents after the birth, so therefore the overall picture is not clear. Australia review of births outside marriage per 1000 births

1901	5.58%
1911	5.79%
1941	3.84%
1968	7.96%

It was not until 1964 did the percentage of birth succeed the 1911 percentage by a small margin of 0.35%. So what does that reveal - that the times were no different to the 1911 era?

The older age groups showed a vast increase in ex nuptial births in Australia. The following pages taken from the official figures of births in Australia from 1928 to 1985 clearly shows the increases and decreases within all ages groups – showing that ex nuptial births were not confined to the 15-20 age group as the *conventional wisdom* of experts speak of.

Dr Alan Gerbie – Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology North-western University USA report "Herald Melbourne" 4 August 1973. believed that

> "*deliberately chosen unmarried pregnancies occurred not only among younger emancipated women but also among older women who wished to experience motherhood while still fertile."*

During 1969 to 1974 changes occurred in births. The nuptial rate fell sharply for married women and ex nuptial rate continued to rise until 1971 then fell away by 1974 to approx. the 1969 level.

The efficiency and quality of mothers and their motherhood is not reflected in statistics and such data should not be used as the interpretative tool to compare or reflect something else.

Birth rates rose between 1945-1948 with the return of war servicemen and women starting their families.

During 1951-1954 birth rate rose further as a result of the influx of migrants to Australia with 15,000 Italian women during that period giving birth.

- Adoption statistics – in 1967 aboriginal adoptions were included in the Victorian figures.

- Adoption figures also include permanent care placements and foster care placements up until 1997 and very **importantly** figures included legitimized births through adoption (by parents) in adoption figures.

- Inter country adoptions do not include 'relative adoptions'.

- Adoption figures after 1965 do not record the 'revocation of consents' that occurred. Between 1965-1975 approx. 1,130 revocation of consents were received – these include withdrawal of consent by widows, deserted wives, fathers and relatives.

- Adoption figures do not reflect *re-occurring adoptions as a consequence of adopted parents returning the child or removed from the adopted parents' home.*

- In 1972/1973 one child was returned by an Order of the Court.

- Unrelated adoptions increased because the highest incidence of divorce in Australia in the 1950's and 1960's of remarriage and subsequent adoption by the birth parent and step parent that largely explains the substantial increase in adoptions. These included:

    - Adoption by a married couple of a wife's ex nuptial child
    - Adoption by a married couple of a child of the wife's former marriage
    - Adoption by a married couple of a child of the husband's former marriage

These adoptions constitute a substantial proportion of all adoption orders. (Professor David Hambly – Professor of Law – Australia National University)

- **Adoption** statistics also do not define the age of the child adopted. During the 1960's many State wards were adopted and in the early 1970's placed in foster care and/or permanent care because the

majority of institutions were closing down. These circumstances increased the adoption figures during this period.

- **Adoption** statistics dropped when it was considered under new Family Law that the Court should not grand an adoption order by relatives or by a parent and step parent, but to grand a custody order or other order unless the court believed an adoption order in these cases would better promote the interest of the child.

- Adoptions do not define breakdown of families i.e. whether twins and/or triplets (born to a mother) were adopted into one family or separated. For each birth of twins – 2 adoptions are recorded and for each birth of triplets – 3 adoptions are recorded.

- Adoption statistics prior to 1966 are impossible to gauge as hospitals carried out private adoptions because they were not approved Adoption agencies until 1965.

- Methodist Babies Home records show they conducted 4000 adoptions from 1928-1973.

- Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne from 1965 to 1976 had 3,000 adoptions in that period yet they carried them out from 1928 (private adoptions).

- Berry Street Babies Home records show they conducted 269 adoptions from 1965 – 1970

- Catholic Family Welfare Bureau carried out 3,723 until 1967 which included 919 from the Nuns (private adoptions).

- Josephite Nuns' records show 1963-1964 503 adoptions.

Just collating these figures amounts to 11,495 adoptions falling well short of the statement that approx. 59,000 adoptions occurred in Victoria.

Between 1965/1975 8,769 babies under 1 were adopted with the ages of 6-12 months. Old publications (Government) show 65,438 adoptions. An amended list shows 57,187 a difference of 8,251.

Prior to the enactment of the 1958 Adoption Act, the late (...) and CFWB Social Worker decided that something needed to be done to assist the children who had been abandoned by their parent/s in their institutions (Wards of State). They believed that these children had the right to either be adopted or fostered out into a *new family environment.* The consent of the mother/father was dispensed with in the Act under certain circumstances i.e. if the parent/s could not be found or for an older child, if the parent/s refused consent.

BIRTH STATISTICS AUSTRALIA 1928-1982

(All statistics used are the official figures from the Australia Bureau of Statistics)

Tables attached covering

- Births by age of Mother
- Increase/decrease by age of mother
- Birth increase/decrease from previous year

Births by age of Mother

- Birth rates in the age group
    - **15-19** decreases from around 1972
    - **20-24** decreases from around 1970.
    - **25-29** fluctuates from 1963
    - **30-34 significant** decreases from 1957
    - **35-39 significant** decreases from 1962
    - **40-44 significant** decreases from 1956
    - **45-49** decreases from 1956

The age group 15-19 continued to decrease after 1972 therefore the **experts believe that the introduction of the single mothers pension in 1973 (incorrect) was one of the major reasons why adoptions decreased significantly from the same period.**

Babies born to Young girls within this age group from 1972 decreased so the introduction of the pension had no affect whatsoever on the decrease in adoptions.

Adoptions increased dramatically from 1963 as a result of the dramatic decrease in births to age group 30-34.

1963-1973 Births per age group

Age group	Total
15-19	8,528
20-24	9,354
25-29	16,099
30-34	-9,701
34-39	-10,416
TOTAL	**13,864**

Ex-Nuptial births in Australia as shown below as per 1,000 births did not increase to the extent that 'history has written". These figures obtained from The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Sociology.

Year	%	Increase/decrease
1911	5.79	5.79
1921	4.75	-1.04
1931	4.99	0.24
1941	3.84	-1.15
1951	3.99	0.15
1952	3.80	-0.19
1953	3.97	0.17
1954	3.97	0.00
1955	4.11	0.14
1956	4.29	0.18
1957	4.25	-0.04
1958	4.55	0.30
1959	4.75	0.20
1960	4.95	0.20
1961	5.10	0.15
1962	5.40	0.30
1963	5.71	0.31
1964	6.51	0.80
1965	6.97	0.46
1966	7.43	0.46
1967	7.75	0.32
1968	7.96	0.21
1969	7.82	-0.14
1970	8.30	0.48
1971	9.27	0.97

- The difference between **1911 and 1964** is a mere increase of **0.72%** of Australian births per 1000 births.
- The years **1921 and 1961** – there is only an increase of **0.35%** of Australian births per 1000 births.
- The years **1911 and 1961** – there is a decrease of **0.69%** of Australian births per 1000 births.

The years **1967 and 1970 –** there is a slight increase of **0.55%** of Australian births per 1000 births.

When a picture is being examined all aspects of the picture must be taken into account and with these slight increases in the percentage of ex nuptial births since 1911 and 1971 **3.48%** with the arrival of young migrants and the Australian baby boomers that figure is really not that significant.

Therefore the above figures are an indication that following Justice Sholl's decision to label unmarried natural mothers as indulging in **illicit sex** placed mothers at the receiving end of the wrath that society heaped upon them for violating its ambivalent norm with a decision made when the **infertility rate especially as a result of armed service to the Nation, was increasing dramatically.**

It is well documented that in Victoria that the birth of unmarried natural mothers' babies was the avenue to fix the infertility crisis that had reared its ugly head.

The baby farming adoption scheme INCREASED from the time of Justice Sholl's decision until (...) **and her friends** formed the Council for the Single Mother and her Child. From 1969 it was the only place that provided facilities for single mothers and expectant mothers to attend thus one of the major contributors as to why the illegal and unlawful separation of mother and baby at birth commenced to **cease.**

> "*Pregnancy is a time of stress and vulnerability for many women – married or single – and it is during this time that the single mother has so many extra pressures to cope with. Small wonder that the in-depth research on single mothers during this time is so unreliable, contradictory and misrepresentative." (Ref: "The Single Mother and Her Child, Sandra Fitts 1971 – Australian Journal of AASW – pages 23-28)*

This article mentions that society looked upon unmarried natural mothers as ***deviants*** *(abnormal, unusual, out of the ordinary)* (stigma directed is usually based on the assumption that their behaviour violates society's norms.)

Australian confinements 1928 – 1982

Two tables are attached

- Breakdown of confinements in to
  - Ex-nuptial and percentage
  - Pregnant at marriage and percentage
  - Nuptial and percentage

- Increase/decrease from previous year

Nuptial births (within marriages) decreased significantly from 1962 to 1966 and dramatically decreased again from 1972.

Percentage of Ex Nuptial Confinements/Births to overall total

- 1928 4.73
- 1938 4.20
- 1948 4.04
- 1958 4.56

- 1962 5.40
- 1968 7.96
- 1978 11.05

Whilst the percentage of ex nuptial births increased by 1982 (13.76%) it had doubled the percentage of 1964.

The significant decrease in Nuptial confinements from 1962 to 1972 is not a coincidence when compared with the significant increase in adoptions of ex nuptial babies during the same period.

Adoption Act 1964 Victoria – the age group for those who could apply for adoption was set at the age groups where confinements had decreased dramatically. THAT IS NOT CO-INCIDENCE EITHER.

Infertile couples needs of being barren needed to be addressed and eliminated (abolished, eradicated, purged, removed) as quickly as possible. The solution ABDUCTION OF A NEW BORN BABY FROM AN UNMARRIED NATURAL MOTHER including the invention of Rapid Adoptions when the death of a baby occurred to a married woman and a new born baby was taken from the labour ward – just born to an unmarried natural mother and placed in the married woman's arms as her own baby. The unmarried natural mother told her baby had died.

ADOPTION STATISTICS

My concern is that **adoption statistics** may be thrown around without a base and that troubles me. Past adoption official statistics do not give a true representation of what really happened. Adoptions unrelated **included** widows, divorcees, de-facto relationships, married women and single women as they are all categorised as being UNMARRIED. They also represent the complete spectrum of mothers' ages from <14 to 49 years of age unmarried see below.

> *"The factor of defective recording techniques may explain the large differences between the illegitimate rates of the States and perhaps may be a partial explanation of the apparent increase of the rate of adoptions in recent years.* (R. Sackville, Australia Law Journal Vol 44, January 30, 1970 page 6).

Foster care and permanent care placements were included in past adoption figures up until 1998 as well as many ex-nuptial births that were legitimised. E.g. in Victoria alone between 1969-1973 3,000 births was legitimised as an indication that parents married after the birth of the baby.

"Unrelated"	adoption by a married couple of a wife's ex-nuptial child
	Adoption by a married couple of a child of the wife's former marriage
	Adoption by an infertile couple of a child born to a married woman, widow, defacto, divorcees and single mothers.

"These adoptions constitute a substantial proportion of all adoption orders." (Professor Davis Hambly – Professor of Law – Australian National University)

Foster Parents and Carers were also included and Aboriginals from 1967 under Unrelated together with Inter-country adoptions and special needs and permanent care.

In Victoria between 1929 and 2000 (information from Annual Reports)

49,718 Unrelated Adoptions
15,720 Related Adoptions
65,438 TOTAL

The adoption figures referred below (from the former Minister Denis Napthine reveals the following during the same periods of time).

50,644 Unrelated adoptions
13,077 Related adoptions
63,721 TOTAL

A difference of 1,717 adoptions. How can the audited Annual Reports show different figures to those released by the former Minister? The Victorian Government have released so many different numbers of adoption, so many stories of what is included in adoptions – it is my intention to use the above figures below.

We can all manipulate figures to hide 'relevant facts' from those reading the figures. Vulnerable people believe the picture Government statistics give, but those that are 'mathematically' minded can pick up the discrepancies throwing a shadow over the stories of the past that have been relayed.

It was not until 1982 that the Australia Bureau of Statistics published the first national publication of adoption statistics based on standardised definitions and classifications of data.

In 1968 the percentage of ex nuptial births per 1000 population nationally was lower than 1911. This is another very important fact that their excuses are not valid. A detailed chart on the percentage of ex nuptial births per 1000 population over the past 70 years will be included in a further submission. The findings defeat many past arguments and show a trend that is answered by THE TRUTH.

During 1969-1974 change occurred in births. The nuptial rate fell sharply for married women and ex nuptial rate continued to rise until 1971 but then fell away by 1974 to approximately 1969 level.

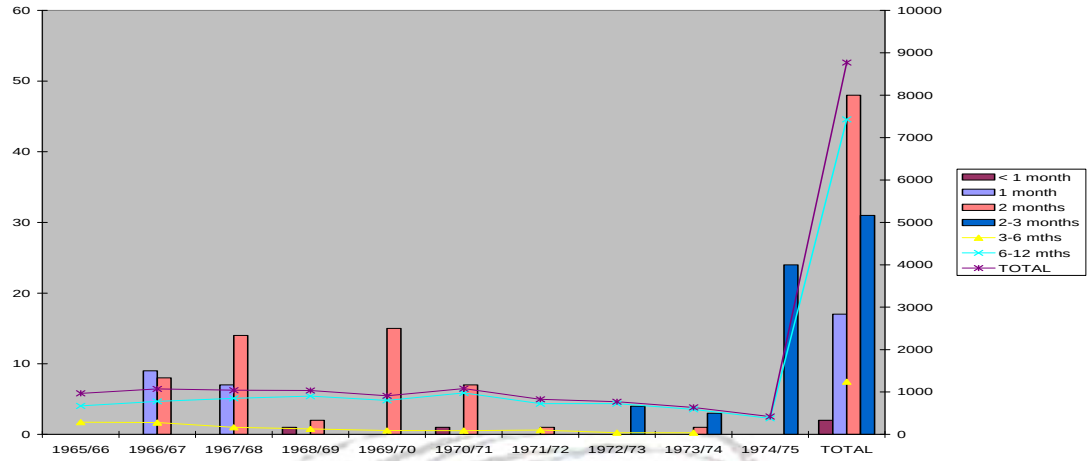
From Victorian Government Departmental Annual Reports between 1965 and 1975 – **8,769** babies under 1 year of age were adopted. The unrelated adoptions during this period given by the Department of Human Services Victoria were 13,997 (total constantly changes) yet other figures show

	356	Government
	8,513	Private Adoption Agencies
Totalling	**8,769**	Adoptions under the age of 1

The following statistics of age breakdown of the baby placed for adoption shows the picture that something was not right.

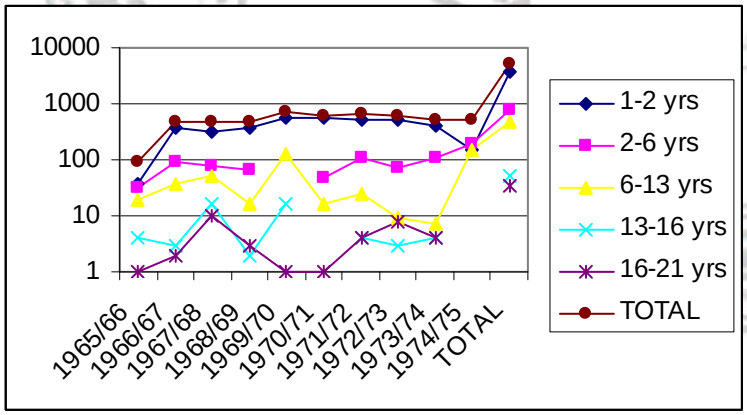
ADOPTIONS VICTORIA – age of baby at adoption

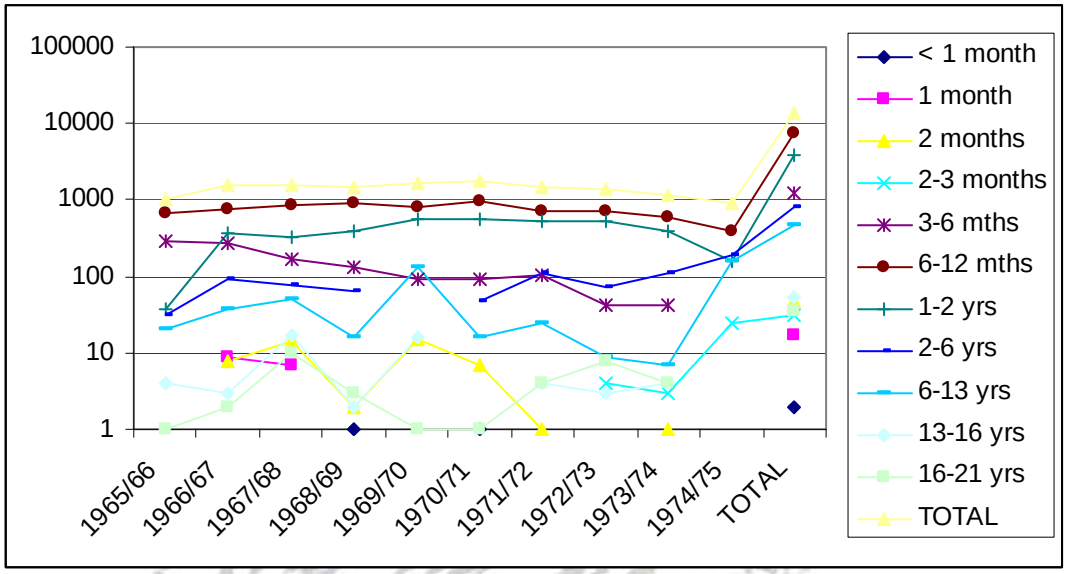
Year	< 1 month	1 month	2 months	2-3 months	3-6 mths	6-12 mths	TOTAL
1965/66					288	672	970
1966/67		9	8		278	779	1074
1967/68		7	14		168	854	1043
1968/69	1		2		130	902	1035
1969/70			15		93	804	912
1970/71	1		7		91	979	1079
1971/72			1		101	726	828
1972/73				4	41	726	771
1973/74			1	3	42	590	636
1974/75				24		379	421
TOTAL	2	17	48	31	1242	7429	8769



OTHER AGED ADOPTIONS IN SAME YEARS

Year	1-2 yrs	2-6 yrs	6-13 yrs	13-16 yrs	16-21 yrs	TOTAL
1965/66	37	32	20	4	1	94
1966/67	358	90	37	3	2	490
1967/68	329	77	50	17	10	483
1968/69	385	64	16	2	3	470
1969/70	568		130	16	1	715
1970/71	568	48	16		1	633
1971/72	516	112	24	4	4	660
1972/73	538	74	9	3	8	632
1973/74	401	113	7	4	4	529
1974/75	157	190	157			504
TOTAL	3857	800	466	53	34	5210

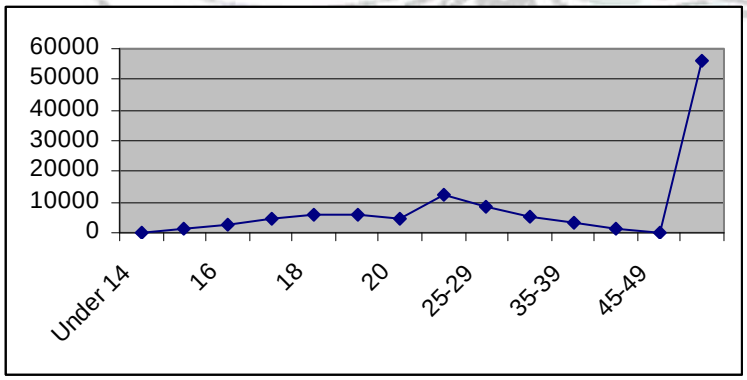




Ti the above reveals other children were also adopted so a clear picture needs to be focused on i.e. graphs above.

AGE OF NATURAL MOTHERS – EX NUPITAL BIRTHS – 1958 – 1973 VICTORIA

Age of natural mother	Years 1958 – 1973
Under 14	264
15	1102
16	2903
17	4817
18	5861
19	5619
20	4886
21-24	12431
25-29	8366
30-34	5290
35-39	3365
40-44	1162
45-49	79
TOTAL	56145



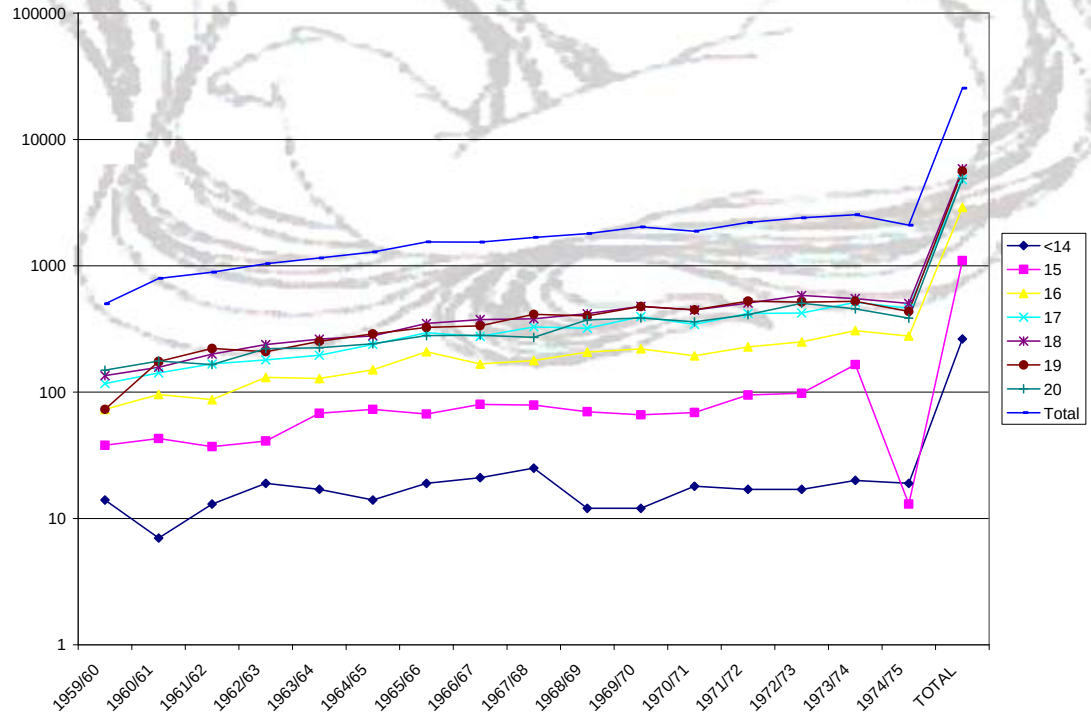
Mother's ages

During this same period of time from the Annual Reports (Victoria) Department of Welfare - Mothers ages at baby's birth

Year	**<14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**Total**	**Adps**
1959/60	14	38	73	117	135	73	149	500	1081
1960/61	7	43	96	142	157	175	176	796	1126
1961/62	13	37	87	167	200	222	165	891	1388
1962/63	19	41	131	180	238	209	221	1039	1414
1963/64	17	68	128	196	263	253	225	1150	1420
1964/65	14	73	150	239	279	289	241	1285	1613
1965/66	19	67	209	295	350	325	280	1545	1667
1966/67	21	80	167	276	376	335	282	1537	1385
1967/68	25	79	178	328	381	413	271	1675	1773
1968/69	12	70	207	320	417	401	373	1800	1574
1969/70	12	66	220	396	477	475	386	2032	1826
1970/71	18	69	194	344	446	448	360	1879	1869
1971/72	17	95	228	419	507	525	410	2201	1741
1972/73	17	98	250	423	582	517	506	2393	1547
1973/74	20	165	307	514	550	523	456	2535	1319
1974/75	19	13	278	461	503	436	385	2095	1045
TOTAL	**264**	**1102**	**2903**	**4817**	**5861**	**5619**	**4886**	**25452**	**23788**

During the same periods of time unmarried natural mothers from the age of 21 to 40+ **54,481** births took place OVERALL TOTAL OF 79,933 babies born to women classified as single mothers from 1959/60 to 1974/75.

Comparing adoptions against unmarried mothers' babies' birth statistics (under 21) is interesting.



Number of births and age of mother at the time – Victoria only

The argument that illegitimate babies increased the adoption figures is not completely true. Of the overall total 5,210 children were adopted over the age of 1. A large percentage of the 1-2 years could be from single mothers too. So if we take the figures from under 1 and 1-2 years we get a total of 12,644 with 1,335 from 2 years onwards giving the total of 13,979 adoptions over the 1965/66 – 1974/75 period. **11,274 were unmarried mothers and the figures do not reveal the nationality of the mother i.e. Italian, Greece, Aboriginal or Australian.**

The total amount of adoptions was 13,979 during this period - below marital status of Natural Mothers. The adoption figures released by the former Minister Denis Napthine for the same period are 14,079 bringing us closer to a more accurate figure – a difference of 100 adoptions. The Australian Bureau of Statistics for 1968/69 to 1974/75 show 12,135 thus giving the impression that during 1965/66, 1966/67 and 1967/68 1,844 adoptions occurred during this period yet Napthine's figures for that period are 4,825. Oops something does not sound right does it?

Marital Status of Natural Mothers

The Annual Reports Victoria show the status of natural mothers whose baby was adopted between 1965/66 and 1974/75

- Father was the husband - 413
- Father not husband - 983
- Divorced - 119
- Widowed - 78
- Single 11274
- Not Known – 1108
- TOTAL 13,979

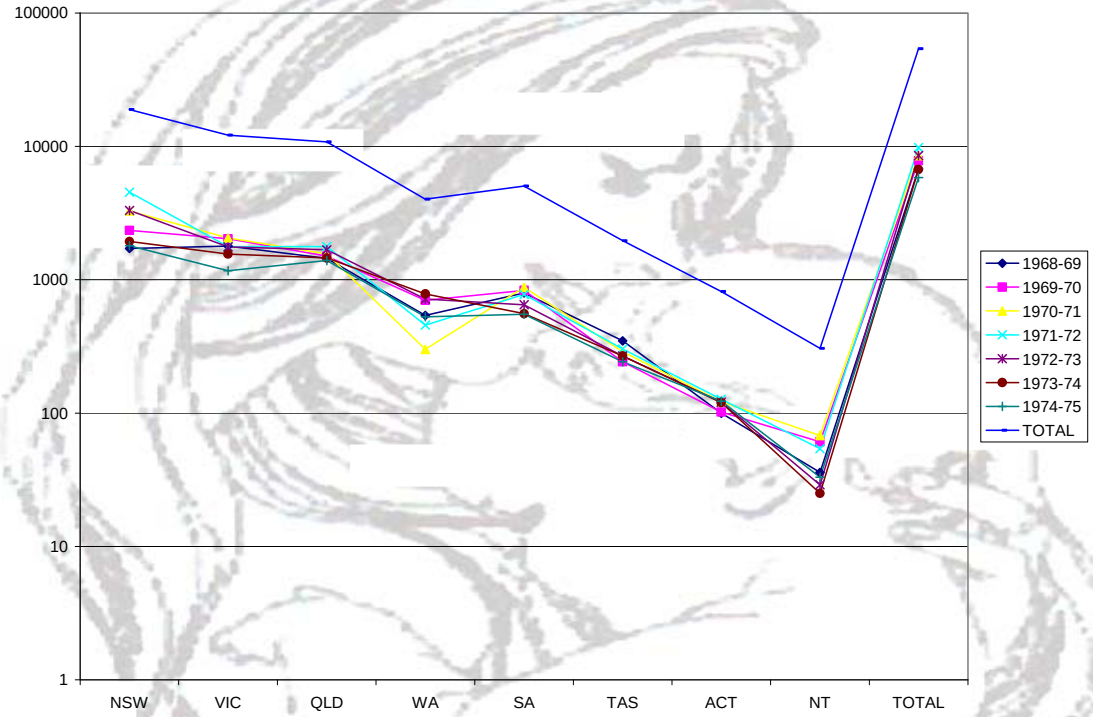
The figures cannot be any clearer.

More illegitimate babies were born to mothers over the age of 21 from 1958-1973. Total 30,693 – these figures obtained from Department of Welfare Annual Reports which are audited figures.

So their excuse has gone down the drain – fast and confirms the **forced adoptions of babies born to natural mothers under the age of 21. When the chart of the age of mothers is carefully examined the categories mentioned below many are under the age of 21.**

Adoption Figures - Australia

Year	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	TOTAL
1968-69	1715	1789	1448	540	797	348	100	36	6773
1969-70	2346	2031	1500	703	834	243	102	61	7820
1970-71	3275	2057	1562	301	879	289	122	68	8553
1971-72	4539	1768	1774	457	776	303	127	54	9798
1972-73	3315	1765	1678	717	649	268	121	29	8542
1973-74	1936	1557	1458	783	558	268	120	25	6705
1974-75	1799	1168	1394	528	551	243	123	33	5839
TOTAL	**18925**	**12135**	**10814**	**4029**	**5044**	**1962**	**815**	**306**	**54030**



These figures are from the Australia Bureau of Statistics. As you can see they do not match the adoption figures given out by the Victorian Government. The only way to obtain accurate adoptions figures is from closed files held at the Public Records Office of Victoria.

The relevant files held at PROV are

Subject	Year	Public Office reference
Adoption Orders	1929-1998	VPRS11682
Adoption of Children Register	1929-1971	VPRS11727
Adopted Children Register	1929-1988	VPRS11683
Correspondence Files (Interstate Adoptions)		VPRS11688

Office of Governance Statist and Actuary		
County Court Adoption of Children Register Wangaratta Courts	1932-1960	VPRS8588
County Court Adoption Case Files	1929-1987	VPRS8588
County Court Adoption of Children Register Warragul Courts	1932-1960	VPRS8588
County Court Index Books of Adoption Surname of Adoptive Parents		VPRS11738
County Court Register of Applications for Adoption	1929-1960	VPRS11736

All these Victorian **files are closed** but they contain the true adoption figures and breakdowns. Further, it is interesting to note that the Wangaratta and Warragul Courts **ceased** hearing adoptions in **1960**. The 1958 Adoption Act did not bring about this closure. Something is not right here also. Possibly more control in line with the new modern opinion and outlook towards unmarried natural mothers. In other words, once the 1964 Adoption Act was enacted – it was labelled the 'closed adoption period'.

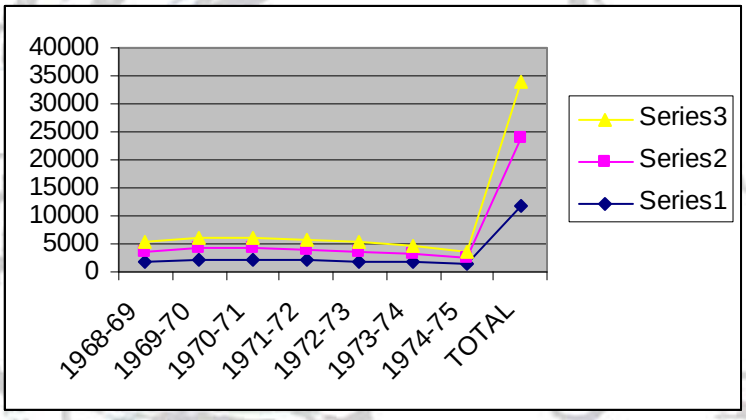
Access to these files is impossible under the Privacy Act but I believe that the Victorian State Government should allow natural mothers access to **all** documents within these closed files relating to baby and herself. Up until the present time, the Victorian Government refused natural mother identifying information under the existing Adoption Act. So much truth and information on these files that will confirm correct **adoption** figures, breakdown of adoption figures to clearly show that during the period 1958-1972 the **silent reasons why mother and baby were separated at birth. The only period in our history that this occurred for forced adoptions for infertile couples. It was their rights that were put before the natural mother and her baby.**

By keeping identifying information from the natural mother is only endorsing the injustices carried out against them.

If they won't release identifying information what are they hiding should be the question.

You will note from the official figures above differ from the figures received from Mr. Denis Napthine during research (below).

Year	**Napthine's list includes both Related and Unrelated**	**VIC as above – ABS**	**Unrelated From Napthine's list**	**Percentage of Unrelated adoptions**
1968-69	1832	1789	1574	85.94
1969-70	2125	2031	1826	85.94
1970-71	2148	2057	1869	87.02
1971-72	2084	1768	1741	83.56
1972-73	1878	1765	1547	82.35
1973-74	1766	1557	1319	74.70
1974-75	1490	1168	1045	70.12
TOTAL	**11833**	**12135**	**9876**	



The other interesting point to note is that on the Victorian Adoption Figures Inter-country adoptions and special needs adoptions are listed under unrelated.

CONCLUSION

It is hoped that each Committee Member has gained great insight into this very dark period of our wonderful Nation. It is further hoped that the Commonwealth of Australia will acknowledge their part in the living grief; suffering and pain natural mothers have suffered since the day they were disconnected from each other. We pray that the Lord will open your hearts to feel and understand the truth and then give each of you the courage to stand up and delivery the message of truth to all Australians.

To Commonwealth Senate Committee Members and supporting Staff - May peace reign in your heart after travelling a very emotional and educational period in your with understanding that God is about justice and whilst natural mothers have to one day, find forgiveness in their hearts for the person/s that have inflicted such living grief, pain and suffering in their lives, this true forgiveness can only commence when natural mothers and their children and extended families hear the Commonwealth of Australia Government in bi-partisan say.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE INJUSTICES THAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND YOUR BABY AND WE BELIEVE YOU

Any less and further living grief, pain and suffering will be inflicted upon many still emotionally delicate natural mothers.

Once again, congratulations to the Western Australian Government for their Bi-partisan apology and acknowledgement on the removal of children from Unmarried mothers – Tuesday 19 October, 2010.

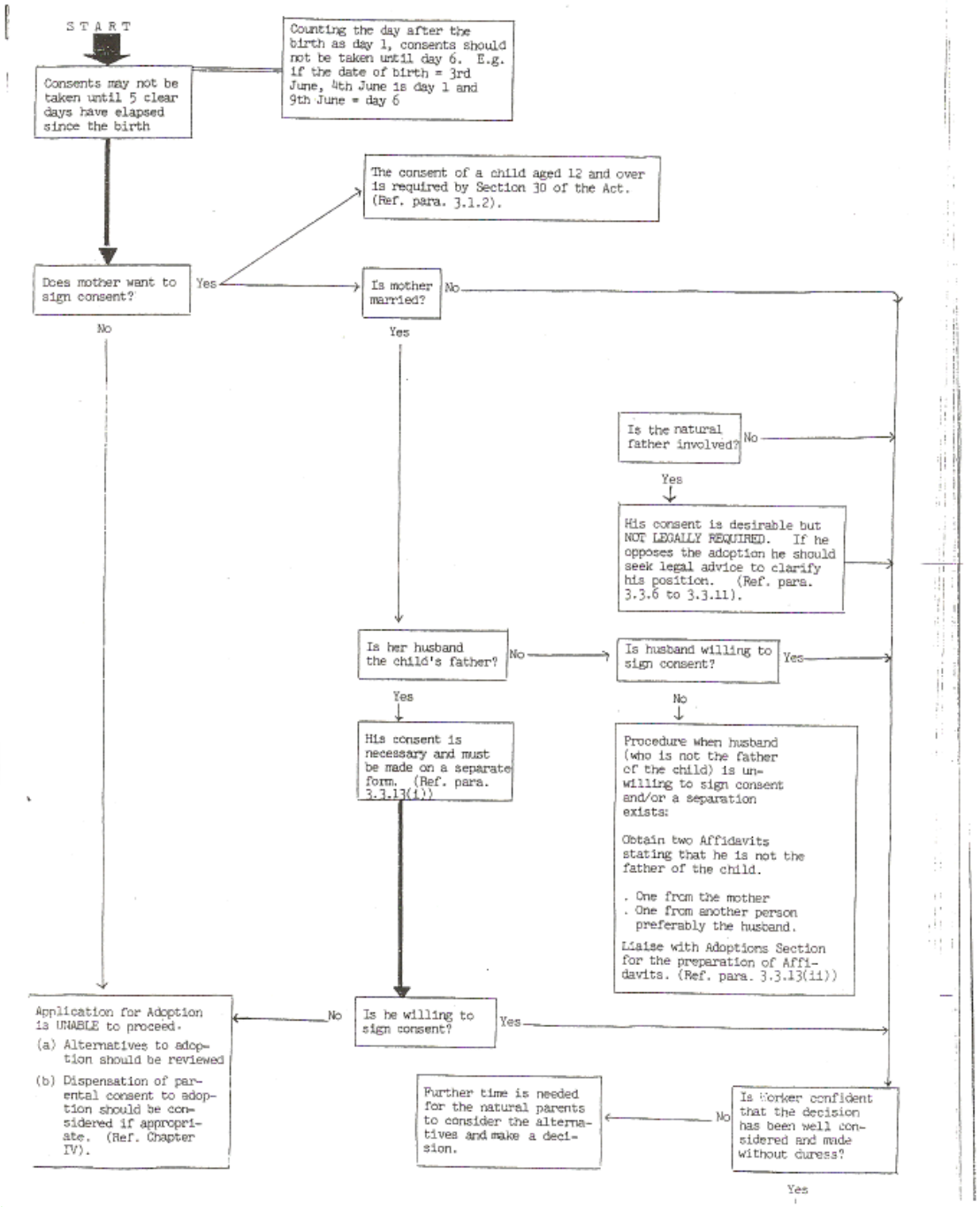
Finally, let us reflect once again on the Presbyterian Sisterhood creed presented to the Chairman of the Hospital and Charities Commission and Senior Medical Office of HCC in 1958.

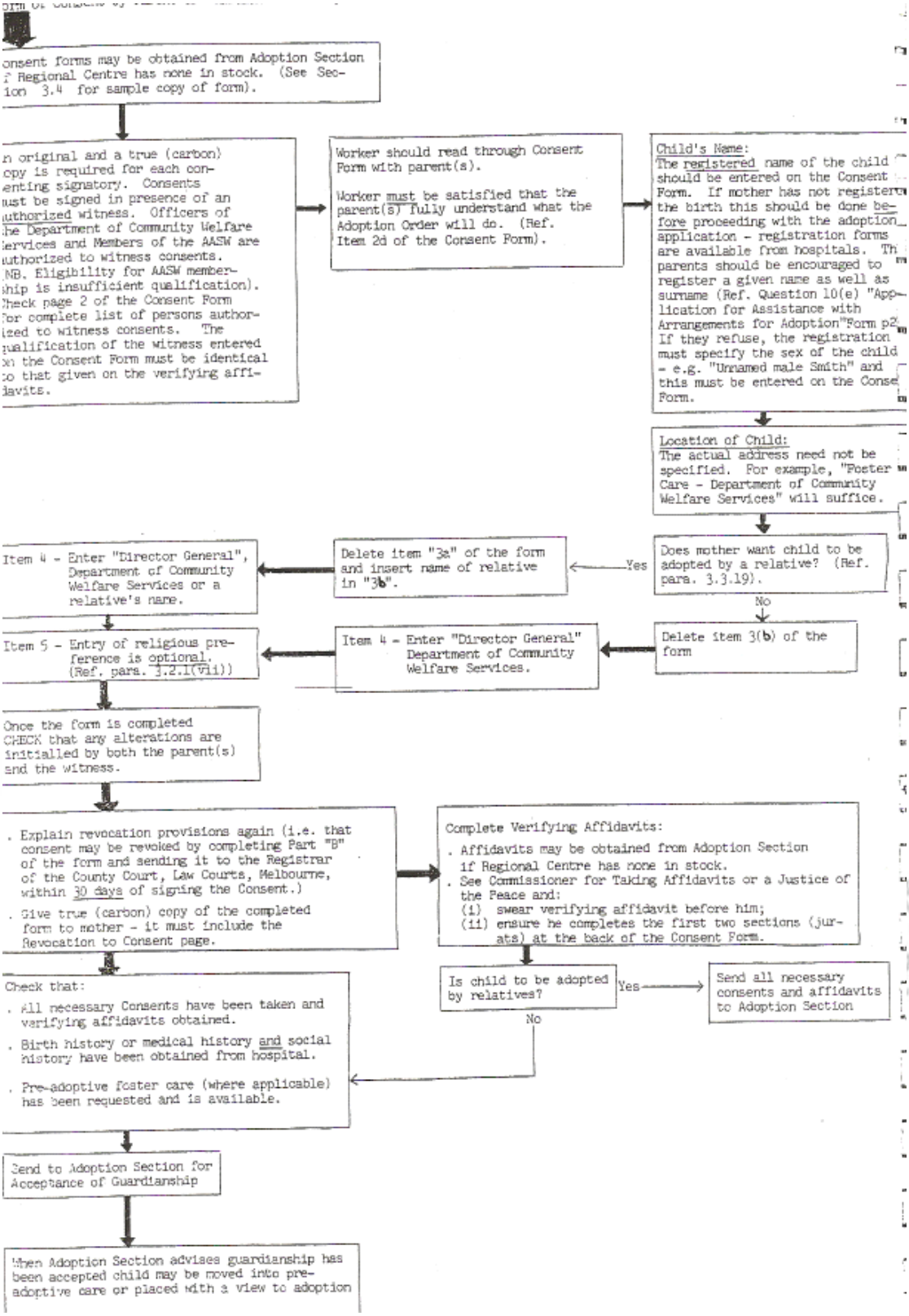
> ***"The young womanhood of a nation is like the precious pearl something beyond price. Its value passes the worth of silver or gold. Like the pearl of great price it can, at the hands of the careless, suffer irreparable injury".***

Attached are

- ***Guidelines for workers assisting parents in completing a consent to an adoption order Section 28 1964 Adoption Act Victoria*** Adoption Manual – Department of Social Welfare 1965 – copy obtained from Department of Human Services Library 1997)
- ***Tables of Statistics – Australian Bureau of Statistics is cited as the sources of the data used – calculated into the presented form by the writer.***
- ***Births – age of Mother 1928 -1082***
- ***Births increase/decrease from previous year***
- ***Percentage of increase/decrease from previous year***
- ***Australian Confinements 1928 – 1982 (these figures differ from the birth figures because of multiple births during confinements)***
- ***Increase/decrease of confinements from previous year.***

GUIDELINES FOR WORKERS ASSISTING PARENTS IN COMPLETING A CONSENT TO AN ADOPTION ORDER

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f Regional Centre has none in stock. (See Section 3.4 for sample copy of form).
n original and a true (carbon) opy is required for each consenting signatory. Consents ust be signed in presence of an uthorized witness. Officers of he Department of Community Welfare ervices and Members of the AASW are uthorized to witness consents. NB. Eligibility for AASW membership is insufficient qualification). heck page 2 of the Consent Form or complete list of persons authorized to witness consents. The ualification of the witness entered n the Consent Form must be identical o that given on the verifying affidavits.
Worker should read through Consent Form with parent(s).
Worker must be satisfied that the parent(s) fully understand what the Adoption Order will do. (Ref. Item 2d of the Consent Form).
Child's Name:
The registered name of the child should be entered on the Consent Form. If mother has not registered the birth this should be done before proceeding with the adoption application - registration forms are available from hospitals. Th parents should be encouraged to register a given name as well as surname (Ref. Question 10(e) "Application for Assistance with Arrangements for Adoption"Form p2 If they refuse, the registration must specify the sex of the child - e.g. "Unnamed male Smith" and this must be entered on the Conse Form.
Location of Child:
The actual address need not be specified. For example, "Foster Care - Department of Community Welfare Services" will suffice.
Does mother want child to be adopted by a relative? (Ref. para. 3.3.19).
Yes
Delete item "3a" of the form and insert name of relative in "3b".
Item 4 - Enter "Director General", Department of Community Welfare Services or a relative's name.
No
Delete item 3(b) of the form
Item 4 - Enter "Director General" Department of Community Welfare Services.
Item 5 - Entry of religious preference is optional. (Ref. para. 3.2.1(vii))
Once the form is completed CHECK that any alterations are initialled by both the parent(s) and the witness.
. Explain revocation provisions again (i.e. that consent may be revoked by completing Part "B" of the form and sending it to the Registrar of the County Court, Law Courts, Melbourne, within 30 days of signing the Consent.)
. Give true (carbon) copy of the completed form to mother - it must include the Revocation to Consent page.
Complete Verifying Affidavits:
. Affidavits may be obtained from Adoption Section if Regional Centre has none in stock.
. See Commissioner for Taking Affidavits or a Justice of the Peace and:
(i) swear verifying affidavit before him;
(ii) ensure he completes the first two sections (jurats) at the back of the Consent Form.
Is child to be adopted by relatives?
Yes
Send all necessary consents and affidavits to Adoption Section
No
Check that:
. All necessary Consents have been taken and verifying affidavits obtained.
. Birth history or medical history and social history have been obtained from hospital.
. Pre-adoptive foster care (where applicable) has been requested and is available.
Send to Adoption Section for Acceptance of Guardianship
When Adoption Section advises guardianship has been accepted child may be moved into pre-adoptive care or placed with a view to adoption

BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER

BIRTHS BY AGE OF MOTHER - AUSTRALIA 1928-1982

ear	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50+	U/K	Total
1928	33	8636	32562	37052	28860	19379	6886	652	7		134067
1929	54	8578	32015	35973	27252	18240	6758	596	6	8	129480
1930	40	8788	32077	35336	26876	18044	6669	553	7	9	128399
1931	39	8248	30273	32065	24967	16254	6116	563	10	4	118539
1932	49	7870	28224	30361	23047	14960	5831	551	7	11	110911
1933	28	7755	28409	31446	23071	14443	5605	519	7	19	111302
1934	29	7295	28731	31356	22443	13617	5560	473	2	6	109512
1935	33	7188	29967	32626	22602	13442	5076	468	4	4	111410
1936	35	7388	31459	34511	23089	14165	5032	461	12	5	116157
1937	34	7393	32643	36173	23950	13791	4769	448	2	11	119214
1938	45	7276	32873	36984	24886	13312	4636	467	3	22	120504
1939	20	7589	32895	39033	25268	13375	4332	433	3	4	122952
1940	31	7462	33100	41030	26410	13454	4473	381	3	3	126347
1941	27	7639	39196	43570	28292	13860	4553	378	4	6	137525
1942	24	7467	36904	43904	28832	14615	4563	381	11	7	136708
1943	27	7509	40901	47187	32393	19085	4822	361	4	6	152295
1944	32	6994	39697	46871	35621	18597	5174	352	3	3	153344
1945	21	7169	41967	48287	37412	19774	5522	402	0	6	160560
1946	24	7736	47315	54533	39765	20778	5752	470	5	1	176379
1947	35	9206	51267	56074	39400	20414	5574	407	2	5	182384
1948	20	9531	50029	55078	37602	19860	5479	369	6	2	177976
1949	33	9756	51803	57320	36612	19985	5381	364	2	5	181261
1950	48	9945	54139	61584	37716	21061	5714	378	0	6	190591
1951	33	10317	55207	62475	38679	20484	5738	375	3	7	193318
1952	26	10720	57616	65088	40860	21128	5804	398	4	6	201650
1953	33	10844	57368	65049	41701	20881	5988	355	3	13	202235
1954	32	11329	56974	65054	41972	20373	6133	377	2	10	202256
1955	39	12488	58350	66399	43199	20389	6431	380	2	0	207677
1956	52	13302	59825	67167	44009	20979	6364	433	2	0	212133
1957	46	14201	63286	68689	45416	21966	6352	398	0	4	220358
1958	51	14850	65294	68144	45169	22507	6047	433	1	8	222504
1959	53	15928	68945	67667	44935	22985	6001	455	1	6	226976
1960	64	16555	71394	67662	45179	23073	5964	419	1	15	230326
1961	70	18599	75645	69042	46189	23557	6409	453	3	19	239986
1962	90	19094	75027	69245	44128	22764	6338	383	1	11	237081
1963	87	20914	74399	69265	41971	22075	6617	359	0	2	235689
1964	94	22163	71689	67378	39798	21566	6082	373	2	4	229149
1965	105	23327	71328	66028	36576	19460	5657	358	2	13	222854
1966	111	24944	72135	66326	34869	18532	5344	347	0	18	222626
1967	127	24699	77441	69104	35095	17320	5109	377	1	23	229296
1968	135	25437	84077	73132	36217	16624	4881	376	2	25	240906
1969	134	26049	87803	77427	37694	16043	4616	372	1	37	250176
1970	159	27497	90167	80970	38232	15728	4430	290	4	39	257516
1971	156	30344	98459	87459	39600	15718	4301	297	2	26	276362
1972	173	30242	90725	88171	37549	14047	3754	283	1	24	264969
1973	177	27622	84381	85346	34427	12348	3109	227	3	30	247670
1974	168	26128	82846	87250	34550	11348	2666	173	2	46	245177
1975	165	24050	77164	84901	33869	10460	2232	135	4	32	233012
1976	175	21538	74449	85310	34280	9869	2006	153	3	27	227810
1977	161	20112	71698	84471	37871	9990	1860	110	3	15	226291
1978	142	18973	69145	84277	39797	10043	1700	87	4	12	224180
1979	129	18187	66652	84251	41520	10486	1765	118	2	19	223129
1980	106	17587	66867	84493	43618	11014	1723	99	2	20	225529
1981	147	17765	68978	88214	46937	11862	1812	96	2	29	235842
1982	118	17198	68136	89899	48883	13456	1918	95	0	20	239723
OTALS	4119	817421	3171916	3373707	1971155	933580	269428	20011	173	713	10562223
											10562223

ear	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50+	U/K	Total
1928	3	422	1286	-161	-958	-285	14	58	1	-11	369
1929	21	-58	-547	-1079	-1608	-1139	-128	-56	-1	8	-4587
1930	-14	210	62	-637	-376	-196	-89	-43	1	1	-1081
1931	-1	-540	-1804	-3271	-1909	-1790	-553	10	3	-5	-9860
1932	10	-378	-2049	-1704	-1920	-1294	-285	-12	-3	7	-7628
1933	-21	-115	185	1085	24	-517	-226	-32	0	8	391
1934	1	-460	322	-90	-628	-826	-45	-46	-5	-13	-1790
1935	4	-107	1236	1270	159	-175	-484	-5	2	-2	1898
1936	2	200	1492	1885	487	723	-44	-7	8	1	4747
1937	-1	5	1184	1662	861	-374	-263	-13	-10	6	3057
1938	11	-117	230	811	936	-479	-133	19	1	11	1290
1939	-25	313	22	2049	382	63	-304	-34	0	-18	2448
1940	11	-127	205	1997	1142	79	141	-52	0	-1	3395
1941	-4	177	6096	2540	1882	406	80	-3	1	3	11178
1942	-3	-172	-2292	334	540	755	10	3	7	1	-817
1943	3	42	3997	3283	3561	4470	259	-20	-7	-1	15587
1944	5	-515	-1204	-316	3228	-488	352	-9	-1	-3	1049
1945	-11	175	2270	1416	1791	1177	348	50	-3	3	7216
1946	3	567	5348	6246	2353	1004	230	68	5	-5	15819
1947	11	1470	3952	1541	-365	-364	-178	-63	-3	4	6005
1948	-15	325	-1238	-996	-1798	-554	-95	-38	4	-3	-4408
1949	13	225	1774	2242	-990	125	-98	-5	-4	3	3285
1950	15	189	2336	4264	1104	1076	333	14	-2	1	9330
1951	-15	372	1068	891	963	-577	24	-3	3	1	2727
1952	-7	403	2409	2613	2181	644	66	23	1	-1	8332
1953	7	124	-248	-39	841	-247	184	-43	-1	7	585
1954	-1	485	-394	5	271	-508	145	22	-1	-3	21
1955	7	1159	1376	1345	1227	16	298	3	0	-10	5421
1956	13	814	1475	768	810	590	-67	53	0	0	4456
1957	-6	899	3461	1522	1407	987	-12	-35	-2	4	8225
1958	5	649	2008	-545	-247	541	-305	35	1	4	2146
1959	2	1078	3651	-477	-234	478	-46	22	0	-2	4472
1960	11	627	2449	-5	244	88	-37	-36	0	9	3350
1961	6	2044	4251	1380	1010	484	445	34	2	4	9660
1962	20	495	-618	203	-2061	-793	-71	-70	-2	-8	-2905
1963	-3	1820	-628	20	-2157	-689	279	-24	-1	-9	-1392
1964	7	1249	-2710	-1887	-2173	-509	-535	14	2	2	-6540
1965	11	1164	-361	-1350	-3222	-2106	-425	-15	0	9	-6295
1966	6	1617	807	298	-1707	-928	-313	-11	-2	5	-228
1967	16	-245	5306	2778	226	-1212	-235	30	1	5	6670
1968	8	738	6636	4028	1122	-696	-228	-1	1	2	11610
1969	-1	612	3726	4295	1477	-581	-265	-4	-1	12	9270
1970	25	1448	2364	3543	538	-315	-186	-82	3	2	7340
1971	-3	2847	8292	6489	1368	-10	-129	7	-2	-13	18846
1972	17	-102	-7734	712	-2051	-1671	-547	-14	-1	-2	-11393
1973	4	-2620	-6344	-2825	-3122	-1699	-645	-56	2	6	-17299
1974	-9	-1494	-1535	1904	123	-1000	-443	-54	-1	16	-2493
1975	-3	-2078	-5682	-2349	-681	-888	-434	-38	2	-14	-12165
1976	10	-2512	-2715	409	411	-591	-226	18	-1	-5	-5202
1977	-14	-1426	-2751	-839	3591	121	-146	-43	0	-12	-1519
1978	-19	-1139	-2553	-194	1926	53	-160	-23	1	-3	-2111
1979	-13	-786	-2493	-26	1723	443	65	31	-2	7	-1051
1980	-23	-600	215	242	2098	528	-42	-19	0	1	2400
1981	41	178	2111	3721	3319	848	89	-3	0	9	10313
1982	-29	-567	-842	1685	1946	1594	106	-1	-2	-9	3881
ff.	88	8984	36860	52686	19065	6208	4054				

Births Increase/Decrease from Previous years - Australia

Year	<15	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50+	U/K	Total
1928											
1929	0.0002	0.0018	0.0044	0.0015	-0.0048	-0.0037	0.0008	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0001	-0.001
1930	-0.0001	0.0022	0.0026	-0.0026	-0.0012	-0.0003	-0.0003	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1931	0.0000	0.0011	0.0056	-0.0047	0.0013	-0.0034	-0.0003	0.0004	0.0000	0.0000	0.001
1932	0.0001	0.0014	-0.0009	0.0032	-0.0028	-0.0022	0.0010	0.0002	0.0000	0.0001	-0.003
1933	-0.0002	-0.0013	0.0008	0.0088	-0.0005	-0.0051	-0.0022	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0001	0.002
1934	0.0000	-0.0031	0.0071	0.0038	-0.0023	-0.0054	0.0004	-0.0003	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.005
1935	0.0000	-0.0021	0.0066	0.0065	-0.0021	-0.0037	-0.0052	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.003
1936	0.0000	-0.0009	0.0019	0.0043	-0.0041	0.0013	-0.0022	-0.0002	0.0001	0.0000	-0.001
1937	0.0000	-0.0016	0.0030	0.0063	0.0021	-0.0063	-0.0033	-0.0002	-0.0001	0.0000	0.001
1938	0.0001	-0.0016	-0.0010	0.0035	0.0056	-0.0052	-0.0015	0.0001	0.0000	0.0001	-0.001
1939	-0.0002	0.0013	-0.0053	0.0106	-0.0010	-0.0017	-0.0032	-0.0004	0.0000	-0.0002	0.003
1940	0.0001	-0.0027	-0.0056	0.0073	0.0035	-0.0023	0.0002	-0.0005	0.0000	0.0000	-0.002
1941	0.0000	-0.0035	0.0230	-0.0079	-0.0033	-0.0057	-0.0023	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.002
1942	0.0000	-0.0009	-0.0151	0.0043	0.0052	0.0061	0.0003	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	-0.002
1943	0.0000	-0.0053	-0.0014	-0.0113	0.0018	0.0184	-0.0017	-0.0004	-0.0001	0.0000	0.003
1944	0.0000	-0.0037	-0.0097	-0.0042	0.0196	-0.0040	0.0021	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	-0.001
1945	-0.0001	-0.0010	0.0025	-0.0049	0.0007	0.0019	0.0007	0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	-0.002
1946	0.0000	-0.0008	0.0069	0.0084	-0.0076	-0.0054	-0.0018	0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1947	0.0001	0.0066	0.0128	-0.0017	-0.0094	-0.0059	-0.0020	-0.0004	0.0000	0.0000	0.002
1948	-0.0001	0.0031	0.0000	0.0020	-0.0048	-0.0003	0.0002	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	-0.001
1949	0.0001	0.0003	0.0047	0.0068	-0.0093	-0.0013	-0.0011	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.001
1950	0.0001	-0.0016	-0.0017	0.0069	-0.0041	0.0002	0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1951	-0.0001	0.0012	0.0015	0.0001	0.0022	-0.0045	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1952	0.0000	-0.0002	0.0001	-0.0004	0.0025	-0.0012	-0.0009	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.001
1953	0.0000	0.0005	-0.0021	-0.0011	0.0036	-0.0015	0.0008	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1954	0.0000	0.0024	-0.0020	0.0000	0.0013	-0.0025	0.0007	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1955	0.0000	0.0041	-0.0007	-0.0019	0.0005	-0.0026	0.0006	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.001
1956	0.0001	0.0026	0.0011	-0.0031	-0.0006	0.0007	-0.0010	0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1957	0.0000	0.0017	0.0052	-0.0049	-0.0014	0.0008	-0.0012	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1958	0.0000	0.0023	0.0063	-0.0055	-0.0031	0.0015	-0.0016	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1959	0.0000	0.0034	0.0103	-0.0081	-0.0050	0.0001	-0.0007	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1960	0.0000	0.0017	0.0062	-0.0044	-0.0018	-0.0011	-0.0005	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	0.001
1961	0.0000	0.0056	0.0052	-0.0061	-0.0037	-0.0020	0.0008	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1962	0.0001	0.0030	0.0013	0.0044	-0.0063	-0.0021	0.0000	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.001
1963	0.0000	0.0082	-0.0008	0.0018	-0.0081	-0.0024	0.0013	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	-0.002
1964	0.0000	0.0080	-0.0028	0.0002	-0.0044	0.0005	-0.0015	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1965	0.0001	0.0080	0.0072	0.0022	-0.0096	-0.0068	-0.0012	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1966	0.0000	0.0074	0.0040	0.0016	-0.0075	-0.0041	-0.0014	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1967	0.0001	-0.0043	0.0137	0.0034	-0.0036	-0.0077	-0.0017	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1968	0.0000	-0.0021	0.0113	0.0022	-0.0027	-0.0065	-0.0020	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1969	0.0000	-0.0015	0.0020	0.0059	0.0003	-0.0049	-0.0018	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1970	0.0001	0.0027	-0.0008	0.0049	-0.0022	-0.0031	-0.0012	-0.0004	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1971	-0.0001	0.0030	0.0061	0.0020	-0.0052	-0.0042	-0.0016	-0.0001	0.0000	-0.0001	0.000
1972	0.0001	0.0043	-0.0139	0.0163	-0.0016	-0.0039	-0.0014	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1973	0.0001	-0.0026	-0.0017	0.0118	-0.0027	-0.0032	-0.0016	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1974	0.0000	-0.0050	-0.0028	0.0113	0.0019	-0.0036	-0.0017	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0001	0.000
1975	0.0000	-0.0034	-0.0067	0.0085	0.0044	-0.0014	-0.0013	-0.0001	0.0000	-0.0001	0.000
1976	0.0001	-0.0087	-0.0044	0.0101	0.0051	-0.0016	-0.0008	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1977	-0.0001	-0.0057	-0.0100	-0.0012	0.0169	0.0008	-0.0006	-0.0002	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.000
1978	-0.0001	-0.0042	-0.0084	0.0026	0.0102	0.0007	-0.0006	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.001
1979	-0.0001	-0.0031	-0.0097	0.0017	0.0086	0.0022	0.0003	0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	-0.000
1980	-0.0001	-0.0035	-0.0022	-0.0029	0.0073	0.0018	-0.0003	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1981	0.0002	-0.0027	-0.0040	-0.0006	0.0056	0.0015	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.000
1982	-0.0001	-0.0036	-0.0082	0.0010	0.0049	0.0058	0.0003	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.008

Increase/Decrease for each age group – Births Australia by age

AUSTRALIAN CONFINEMENTS 1928-1982

Year	ExNupital	Preg/Marriage	Nupital	Total	ExNup %	Preg/M %	Nup Prev Y
1928	6282	11441	114953	132676	4.73	8.62	118
1929	6029	11050	111100	128179	4.70	8.62	-385
1930	5871	11131	109967	126969	4.62	8.77	-113
1931	5778	10718	100762	117258	4.93	9.14	-920
1932	5252	10616	93981	109849	4.78	9.66	-678
1933	5201	11002	93934	110137	4.72	9.99	-4
1934	4890	10706	92733	108329	4.51	9.88	-120
1935	4857	10790	94602	110249	4.41	9.79	186
1936	5078	10814	99025	114917	4.42	9.41	442
1937	5114	10945	101840	117899	4.34	9.28	281
1938	5003	10611	103633	119247	4.20	8.90	179
1939	4960	10203	106494	121657	4.08	8.39	286
1940	4743	10111	110276	125130	3.79	8.08	378
1941	5114	9401	118626	133141	3.84	7.06	835
1942	5237	8604	121441	135282	3.87	6.36	281
1943	6450	7298	133993	147741	4.37	4.94	1255
1944	6845	6566	138213	151624	4.51	4.33	422
1945	7126	6831	144882	158839	4.49	4.30	666
1946	7559	5375	161497	174431	4.33	3.08	1661
1947	7209	10878	162362	180449	4.00	6.03	86
1948	7123	10424	158558	176105	4.04	5.92	-380
1949	7289	9813	162194	179296	4.07	5.47	363
1950	7255	10022	171160	188437	3.85	5.32	896
1951	7483	10046	173626	191155	3.91	5.26	246
1952	7754	10461	181209	199424	3.89	5.25	758
1953	7947	10322	181591	199860	3.98	5.16	36
1954	7936	10689	181329	199954	3.97	5.35	-26
1955	8448	11185	185732	205365	4.11	5.45	440
1956	8882	11890	188973	209745	4.23	5.67	324
1957	9257	12554	196085	217896	4.25	5.76	711
1958	10021	12825	197083	219929	4.56	5.83	99
1959	10562	13685	200177	224424	4.71	6.10	309
1960	10870	14301	202662	227833	4.77	6.28	248
1961	12143	15883	209399	237425	5.11	6.69	673
1962	12673	13631	208226	234530	5.40	5.81	-117
1963	13314	17621	202222	233157	5.71	7.56	-600
1964	14770	18343	193680	226793	6.51	8.09	-854
1965	15374	19358	185780	220512	6.97	8.78	-790
1966	16383	20038	183923	220344	7.44	9.09	-185
1967	17554	19736	189693	226983	7.73	8.69	577
1968	18991	21172	198293	238456	7.96	8.88	860
1969	19436	21729	206460	247625	7.85	8.77	816
1970	21171	22119	211520	254810	8.31	8.68	506
1971	25404	23416	224822	273642	9.28	8.56	1330
1972	25411	21366	215589	262366	9.69	8.14	-923
1973	23970	17970	203312	245252	9.77	7.33	-1227
1974	23200	15641	203988	242829	9.55	6.44	676
1975	23510	12786	194481	230777	10.19	5.54	-950
1976	22873	11365	191327	225565	10.14	5.04	-315
1977	23134	11020	190115	224269	10.32	4.91	-1212
1978	24538	10952	186509	221999	11.05	4.93	-3606
1979	25884	10861	184223	220968	11.71	4.92	-2286
1980	27826	11405	184087	223318	12.46	5.11	-136
1981	30956	12313	190266	233535	13.26	5.27	6179
1982	32679	12053	192722	237454	13.76	5.08	2456
	696619	704086	9045330	10446035			

ear	Ex Nupital	Preg/Marriage	Nupital	Total
1928				
1929	-253	-391	-3853	-4497
1930	-158	81	-1133	-1210
1931	-93	-413	-9205	-9711
1932	-526	-102	-6781	-7409
1933	-51	386	-47	288
1934	-311	-296	-1201	-1808
1935	-33	84	1869	1920
1936	221	24	4423	4668
1937	36	131	2815	2982
1938	-111	-334	1793	1348
1939	-43	-408	2861	2410
1940	-217	-92	3782	3473
1941	371	-710	8350	8011
1942	123	-797	2815	2141
1943	1213	-1306	12552	12459
1944	395	-732	4220	3883
1945	281	265	6669	7215
1946	433	-1456	16615	15592
1947	-350	5503	865	6018
1948	-86	-454	-3804	-4344
1949	166	-611	3636	3191
1950	-34	209	8966	9141
1951	228	24	2466	2718
1952	271	415	7583	8269
1953	193	-139	382	436
1954	-11	367	-262	94
1955	512	496	4403	5411
1956	434	705	3241	4380
1957	375	664	7112	8151
1958	764	271	998	2033
1959	541	860	3094	4495
1960	308	616	2485	3409
1961	1273	1582	6737	9592
1962	530	-2252	-1173	-2895
1963	641	3990	-6004	-1373
1964	1456	722	-8542	-6364
1965	604	1015	-7900	-6281
1966	1009	680	-1857	-168
1967	1171	-302	5770	6639
1968	1437	1436	8600	11473
1969	445	557	8167	9169
1970	1735	390	5060	7185
1971	4233	1297	13302	18832
1972	7	-2050	-9233	-11276
1973	-1441	-3396	-12277	-17114
1974	-770	-2329	676	-2423
1975	310	-2855	-9507	-12052
1976	-637	-1421	-3154	-5212
1977	261	-345	-1212	-1296
1978	1404	-68	-3606	-2270
1979	1346	-91	-2286	-1031
1980	1942	544	-136	2350
1981	3130	908	6179	10217
1982	1723	-260	2456	3919
	26397	612	77769	104778
				104778

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To all Commonwealth

Senators

Thank you for

Giving ALL natural

Mothers in Australia an avenue for their

Collective voices to be heard

Whereas in the past

The majority of their voices have been silenced

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Thank you also to the Western Australia

Parliament for their acknowledgment of the injustices

Suffered by natural mothers in their State
And for listening to ALL VOICES that
Were raised and not a selective few.