



Commonwealth Contribution to former forced Adoption Policies and Practices.

Senate Inquiry Affairs Committee,

4<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Dear Senators,

As requested, enclosed are the newspaper items regarding the “ Sale of babies in Queensland”. We have sent other newspaper articles we have in our library.

At the Public Hearing in Brisbane, Origins Inc. spoke after us and we would like to have corrected some of the statements they made.

Origins were not the only support group in Brisbane.

1983 Arms; Convenor, Roslyn Jones.

1986 North Brisbane Birthmothers Support Group; Convenor, Trish Whiting (Large).

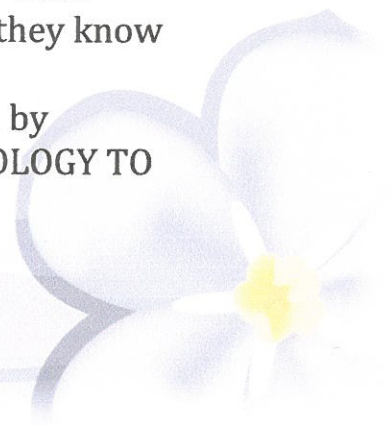
Mid 1980’s Association for Adoptees.

Approx 1989. Adoption Privacy Protection Group; Convenor, Mary Smith.

Origins speak out loudly against Apologies but, Bernadette Wallman, an Origins member, said at the hearing in her witness statement that, she would like an apology, (Sub 175).

We have also included an extract from the Speech read in Federal Parliament, November 18, 2009, where Origins say, they were “accepting of and very happy with the Apology” because they know the issues that surrounds Adoption process well.

“Origins Inc. is a support organisation for people affected by Adoption, Removal and Separation, WELCOMES THE APOLOGY TO THE FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS.”





ALAS and Apology Alliance represent 15 groups that want an Apology.

We are perplexed at their opposition to an Apology for Mothers and Adoptees!

We would like this to be included with our submission, (226) and to be on public record.

Thank you,

ALAS Steering Committee.

