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The Honourable Rachel Stewart  
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2nd Chair of Community Affairs  
Committee Inquiring into Forced  
Adoptions  
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Dear Senators,

I hereby submit to your Inquiry into "Forced Adoptions" my true and correct testimony of my, my mother and stolen sister taken from my mother in August 1958. I believe and trust you all, will consider and fully and immediately act upon to ensure all of us who have endured the horrific, brutal and inhumane grief, loss, hardship, despair, suffering and torment - being the consequences for us of the Forced Adoptions (or abductions) Practices - are fully and immediately supported and compensated etc.

In 1958 a very beautiful young woman who was legally a "minor" became pregnant but was unmarried. I believe my biological father was also the biological father of this baby. In August of 1958 my mother was taken to "Hillcrest" "hospital" to happily

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and wonderfully have her baby. However, the horrific and brutal reality occurred. After being left in severe agony and distress for more than two and half days from her "waters breaking", her difficult and complicated labour was put to an end by a very young inexperienced male doctor who was called out to Hillcrest to assist with a difficult "Breech" birth. This young doctor is our hero who saved my mother and new born baby sisters life. My family - as I believe to be true - knew this man as we (my mother) met up with him again in the future. The torrid horrific ordeal had only just begun. Instead of the baby being taken to her mother, the baby was taken away. My mother, after her initial ordeal, begged and pleaded to have and hold her baby. She so-called Nursing / Medical staff severely verbally and physically abused, neglected and cowardly seriously offended against my mother (and her baby) telling them "it" was not her baby, she was a dirty little girl and worse, she could not have her baby; heavily drugged and restrained her via restraints and did so for at least 1 week. Further brutal and inhumane acts were committed against her. During this she would be isolated and taken to a small dimly lit room and severely pressured into signing the child / baby away for adoption. This she would not do. However, the baby was signed away for adoption by my

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mother's mother, my grandmother, who was in fact an orphan herself along with her brother who also suffered serious multiple forms of abuse as orphans in orphanages in Ireland. I can only speculate that my grandmother signed the baby - her grandchild - over for adoption as we were advised my mother was told her baby - who Mum named \_\_\_\_\_ - was born disabled and would be adopted to a doctor and nurse couple who could/would care for her. I speculate as to why my grandmother signed the baby over perhaps to ensure she would not end up in a worse situation of being placed in an orphanage, and vulnerable to serious form of neglect and abuse. Mum was advised to forget all about what had happened and her baby, get on with a "normal life", get married first as was the expected norms and mores of the time and have more babies. This she did, but the brutal, horrific, inhumane and vile experiences and crimes committed against her could not be ignored. I trust all involved in the Inquiring Committee note those in power and control had "ignored" and in fact "denied" such occurrences happened up until the inquiry by the W.A state government 2009/2010. We have all been called liars and psychiatric "fruit cakes" throughout time, as well as all other derogatory things, as well as being advised it's all our own fault, etc, it's simply unfortunate, and/or nothing criminal or what

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we know happened, did not happen that way at all. This applies to members of the extended family and so-called friends/associates. In amongst the horror of Millcrest hospital and the barbaric staff there came an act of compassion, kindness and courage by one of the "nurses" who in view of known real "pay back" and consequences for breaching policy, took baby to her/my mother so she could see and hold her, even for a brief moment. This woman is also one of our heroes.

I knew that something very, very bad had happened to my Mum as a small child, and when my parents separated when I was approx 7 or 8 years old, my brother and I went with my father to live (not our choice) and my older sister, mum and grandmother lived at their place. We - my brother and I - would spend weekends, school holidays etc with Mum. From the age of 7 or 8 to approx 12 years old I would sleep in the same bedroom as Mum and almost every time, for many many years, I would experience first hand the total despair, anguish, sorrow, grief and suffering my mother went through, as well as the (and I am ashamed to say my) condemnation of her for the "state/condition she was in until I was told the horrible, mind blowing truth at approx 12 to 13 years of age. I was given a birth date of birth and abduction at approx 15 years of age. I committed myself to one day's freedom

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beson and also exposing those involved in such horrendous vile practices. My Father of course was seriously and strongly against this, demanding and "enforcing" me to never speak of "it" again. I even hired a private investigator to find \_\_\_\_\_ after having no luck following processes and protocols and seeking information from "Gigson" W.A and the Community Services W.A government in the late 1980's. In view of the fact not even a P.I could find her I tried another way. I had a date of birth, knew \_\_\_\_\_ was female and as we were told \_\_\_\_\_ was born disabled, I went into the occupation of Human Services - Disability working at several Disability Service Organizations looking through "Client" files for a female, born in around 1958 August. I did not find her. The damage done to my mother was serious and permanent and she never recovered. It has been the main cause of much of my families disintegration and those of us along with it.

I have always had a great understanding and sympathy for our indigenous Australians as per the "Stolen Generation", and those referred to as the "Forgotten People". At least their horrific suffering was acknowledged, even still was not, it was still being denied and partial only by the Salvation Army who played a main role in these criminal, brutal disgusting acts. I do not "Thank God" for the Salvos at all

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It became a very personal matter to me from approx 12 to 13 years old to protect and defend vulnerable groups, the disabled and women in general. Throughout my life I have endeavoured to provide quality, efficient and effective care and services immediately to all those stated and under no circumstances would I allow "others" to neglect, take advantage of, or abuse those who are vulnerable. I became by necessity and choice, a whistleblower, which others view as me "being a dog" etc, etc. The pay back and consequences such as neglect and abuse has cost me everything in every way and on many many occasions, has almost cost me my life, as well as having "Pay Back" delivered upon my family and few friends I had left. All of those who claimed to be prepared to "fight for our cause" quickly turned coward and abandoned me when it got hard and difficult. At times I felt like I was in Afghanistan as a Westerner with only a water pistol to defend myself with, let alone achieve anything else. Perth and Western Australia in my experience is not a good or happy place to be and I am desperate to leave now that my task is done, the W.A. State Government has "apologised" but that's all, "we should not expect any compensation or ex-gratia payments" and as a final "kick in the head" no-one will be charged or prosecuted for the abduction of my sister and all of the heinous offences committed against

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my family members, my mother and especially, and myself. However those involved in and throughout all this have gone on to do very well and prosper in their lives. It is seriously unfair, unjust and intolerable.

I chose to state all this as well as highlighting to all of you the true reality we are still faced with. Those of us severely and permanently injured and devastated by those involved - for e.g. Bureaucrats and Government Bodies etc., Church and religious groups and so-called medical health professionals are still in many ways - unfair being forced or left with no positive, realistic acceptable option for all [any form of support, care and/or assistance are unbelievably directed back to those who committed, or are associated to those who committed the atrocious crimes and offenses against us. We have to live and re-live the horrific events/experiences again and again and again, and we have to substantiate ourselves to them. I am on the brink of leaving my Government Housing as our rights have been taken away and we cannot defend ourselves, our lives. It is absurd to be advised by this state government that Dept of Housing tenants cannot defend ourselves from attacks by Home Invasion intruders as we will be issued with a "strike" against our tenancy. Private or other residential tenants can abuse and violate a few Public Housing tenants with no consequences of

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they or their landlord does not act to stop them, but if we respond or defend ourselves and our rights we are issued another strike, and 3 strikes in 12 months for minor offences which are not legally proven means we are evicted with no means of appeal or challenge even in courts of law. I was stunned and discouraged to find the advice given to me if I/we are evicted was "Go to the Salvation Army" they help men in your position. I have many many instances of similar advice such as now that I am on Disability Support Pension I need to go to The Disability Service Commission which I cannot do as I worked for D.S.C but was forced out of my job and had to leave as I was a "whistleblower" who made complaints against Managers / Supervisors etc for neglect and abuse of my clients I had a duty of care to. A major issue which I believe the committee needs to address (whether or not it is on your "Terms of Reference" (agenda) is "others" and Service Providers determine and tell us what we need. We do not have a say. We know what we need, others don't & they don't listen, or provide minimal and/or token services, or for their own agendas and needs, "appear" to be addressing an issue. Advocacy - in W.A at least - is very poor and in my experience operates (A) For the wellbeing and prosperity of its staff and their friends / associates (B) For the wellbeing and prosperity of the Organisation itself



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(C) Lastly, to provide the advice (preferal onto another party for the client and provide a service to the client lastly

Finally, I hope each woman and baby/person possibly removed, stolen, abducted etc from their mother receives immediate, and totally unconditional ex-gratia type financial compensation, to the bare minimum of \$5 million Australian Currency Dollars each. Babies should immediately receive \$3 million Australian Currency Dollars. In view of the facts and in any case it directly relates to long, long periods of time to be addressed since 1958, it is far more than a basic fair amount. If no offenders or organizations are charged and prosecuted for what are clearly crimes against humanity, it is more than fair compensation. I have finally been put in contact with late last year I was relieved to find she went to a good couple, was not born with disabilities as per the many lies and deceptive cover ups we have endured, and has done relatively well with her own family. However, I had no choice but to fully and truthfully advise her of what truly happened as she believed throughout that our mother gave her up, but she was in fact taken/stolen and all of the so-called horrors we've endured throughout and the fact my family is all but destroyed and has many ongoing problems and conflicts. I had 3 telephone conversations with her; she did not give any of her personal

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or contact details, and despite the considerable  
and sincere efforts of the W.A Dept for Child  
Protection - Adoptions Section, has never  
made contact again. There has not been a  
Happy Ending for any of us.

"Womar, where are they who  
condemn you now?"

Yours sincerely