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To,
The Senate Legal & Constitutional Committee,
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Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT, 2600.



Sir or Madam,

With regards to the inquiry by this committee, I would like to place my letter before you over Compensation Payments to those who suffered because of the illegal activities of the various State Governments and in compliance with the Federal Government.

In 1937, I was born in Brisbane, Queensland to a single woman who wished to keep me and not place me up for adoption. As there was no assistance given to females in those days from the governments of the day, my mother had to pay Fifteen Shillings a week for my care while she worked. As she would not have been receiving much more than this as a salary, after a matter of a few months, she fell behind with the payment for my care for four weeks, to the tune of Three Pounds.

At the time, because of the Child Protection Act, the woman caring for me, while my mother worked, notified the Queensland Government who, in turn, placed a Notice of Default and removed me from that residence, which in effect was **Kidnapping or Stealing or Abducting** me without lawful and legal excuse. In other words, I was **STOLEN** by the government, the same as the aboriginines. Within a very short time I was fostered out to a family in Toowoomba, (apparently so my mother couldn't find me, as I later learnt) where I remained for the duration of my life until I finished school, obtained work and eventually left home (as we called it). The couple who raised me, raised 28 children, all taken from the families.

I have written about 5 letters to the Prime Minister about an apology to the **WHITE GENERATION** who were stolen and, to this day, he **HAS NOT** responded to my letters, as they have always been referred to some body else. Maybe the Prime Minister doesn't know how to answer simple questions and just hopes he can get away with it, by passing the buck. Mr. Rudd said during that election campaign that he was there for all Australians, but it seems that he has forgotten that.

When the redress schemes were brought about, there was not very much publicity about it and as I live in WA, I was totally unaware of the scheme in Queensland (let alone WA) and never found out anything about it, until 2009. How I came to hear about it was when there was an interview with a woman, Leonie, about CLAN and what they were doing about the redress for those **Forgotten (Stolen) Australians**. When I contacted CLAN, I was informed all

about the schemes in the various states and advised to apply. As I stated earlier, there were 28 children raised with me and those still in Toowoomba or Queensland didn't know about the scheme there, as they would have informed me.

As, in my response from Queensland, I was informed that the scheme had closed back in 2004. Of course, not knowing anything previously about any such schemes, how would I have known when it closed? The Queensland Government refused to consider my application because it was too late. I have since written another letter to Queensland asking for further consideration, but to date have not received an answer.

Regarding the amount of Compensation being given to these people, we should all be paid the same amount and not a graduated scale because of what the governments decide on how you were treated. It doesn't matter how we were treated, **"We were all stolen from our mothers or parents"** and deserve the same. The **Trauma, Emotional & Psychological Damage** done to each and every one taken from their mothers or parents, has been with each and everyone of us from the day we were born to the present day.

There were just as many children back in the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and the 70's who were not left in institutions but were either adopted or fostered out to good homes and had reasonable lives, but, we still suffered the trauma, emotional and psychological damage that those institutionalised suffered. How do you think we felt when and if we discovered our natural families? How do you think we feel knowing that we have no right to any inheritance which we should have been given? How do you think we feel, if knowing that our family had been well to do people with good backgrounds?

What the governments of the day did back then was **Totally Illegal, Immoral & Unethical. The governments Stole, Abducted, Kidnapped and Abused** each and everyone of us. The government abused us by taking us from our natural mothers or parents. The governments were placed in responsible positions to govern the country (or state) and be totally accountable for each and every decision they made. Did the governments do this? **No they did not!** In their infinite wisdom they thought they were doing the right thing with their decisions and even today, they, the politicians, still make mistakes.

Politicians are elected to govern the country for the people by the people. This is not happening. Once the politicians obtain office, they do what their party says (without reservation) and ignores what the people want. There needs to be changes made and you, this committee can make a start by standing up to the plate and say that, **"Each and every child taken from their mothers or parents will receive the same amount in compensation."**

I have placed my submission before you and sincerely hope that it is given considerable consideration and not just thrown in the rubbish bin.

I Remain,
Yours Sincerely

An Emotional, Traumatized and Psychological Stolen White Australian

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