

Submission of Peter Moore (legal adopted name) 31/07/2020

Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (Torres Strait Islander Traditional Child Rearing Practice) Bill 2020

Yaama - I am a Kamilaroi man

- **I am a Late Discovery Adoptee having had my own Adoption Status denied to me for 59 years**
- **I discovered my own Adoption by chance with a Ancestry DNA test**
- **I don't have any intricate knowledge of Torres Strait Islander Cultural Adoption Practices**
- **I am submitting on the basis of an Adoptee with lived experience.**
- **I am submitting as an Adoptee who suffers from Identity Loss**
- **I was triggered by what appears to be Adoptive parents trying to exercise ownership of a child then adult for life**
- **Why would Torres Strait Islander Adoptive Parents be pushing for inclusion in white mans law unless it was for this ownership of child then adult.**
- **It seems to me that because of the cultural practice of not telling a child they have been transferred to another family then many Adopted Torres Strait Islander peoples would no know that this legislation involved them – this denies stakeholders a voice.**
- **All stake holders should be fully informed of the decisions being made on their behalf – this is denying those Adult Adoptees who are not aware of their Adoption Status their human right to know who they are.**
- **I feel that this is a blatant breach of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Articles 7 & 8**
- **I think this legislation is being rushed without proper consultation with all stakeholders especially those who are unaware of their Adoption Status**
- **I am an advocate for the rights of the child then adult to know their true identity – their family history & culture, their grandparents, their siblings, aunts & uncles, cousins & their Vital Medical History.**
- **I am concerned that where there is a child from two cultures i.e. Torres Strait & Aboriginal where Adoption is not a Cultural Practice of Aboriginal Culture which culture wins?**
- **There are many questions & debates that should be had but the timing is way too short.**
- **I am in no way trying to be disrespectful to Torres Strait Islander Peoples and their cultural practices but combining with white law opens this debate.**

I have run out of time

Thank you for reading

Kind Regards

Peter Moore