

1 Adoptees with lived experience are the experts on adoption

Submission - Child Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

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I am an Adoptee & a Long Term Foster Carer of well over a decade, experienced in crisis care (1:00 am or 2:00 am calls “do you have a bed”) Short term care from a couple of days to a couple of years, long term over 8 years at present. I am now an advocate for adoptee rights – this is my personal submission

The Coroner’s Report – Mason Jet Lee

- I read the coroner’s report into the death of Mason Jet Lee – it detailed horrific abuse - as a father of 5, grandfather of 10 and a foster carer of many, I found this distressing to read
- As an Adoptee I was appalled that Magistrate Jane Bentley:
 1. Would ignore advice not to recommend adoption
 2. Would in 2020 be so naïve of or ignore the lifelong effects of Adoption on Adoptees
 3. Was not able to explain how adoption would have saved Mason Jet Lee who was not in the foster care system & had been let down by Child Protection Services – the Adoption Act would not have saved Mason Jet Lees life he had not been removed
 4. Went beyond their what appears to be extremely limited knowledge of Adoption & its long term effects of Adoption and should never have made such a baseless recommendation
 5. Did not seek submission from Adoptee Rights Groups such as Adoptee Rights Australia Incorporated, other Adoptee Groups or Adoptees with lived experience of Identity Loss and lifelong traumas due to separation & adoption before making such recommendation
 6. Did not make recommendations of how governments could assist people with inter-generational trauma like Mason’s Mother, Anne-Maree Lee who was herself a victim of abuse both during childhood and adulthood or how things may have been different had a propriate intervention support was given to her both as a child an adult – we talk a lot about domestic violence & child protection but time & time again it comes down to resources & money – Adoption is another layer of trauma, a band-aid solution that ignores that a child will become an adult in a relatively short period of time
 7. Did not recognise that in Adoption that there is no mandated ongoing monitoring of a child’s welfare once a child is adopted nor that abuse within adoptive homes has been well documented & that whenever there is a non-biological parent in a relationship with a child then statically abuse is more prevalent
 8. Should have focused on causes of death and what would have prevented that death – Adoption clearly would not have done that – this was a failure of child protection in the first, second & third instant and intergenerational failure of

the system with Mason Lee's mother Anne-Maree Lee also having been failed by that a child protection system

9. The Coroner proceeded to ignore advice not to recommend citing the Carmody Report a **flawed** report from 2013 – 17 years ago that stated correctly that Adoption was a divisive topic but never delved into the lived experiences & longitudinal outcomes of Adoptees
10. Can I remind you that 2013 was 7 years ago we should not be using outdated & flawed analysis in 2020 to underpin 2020 legislation?
11. In 2013 there were not many Adoptee voices to be heard – many were unaware of the National Apology – many had divided loyalties between Biological & Adopted Families – many adopted parents are now deceased or in aged care – many adoptees now feel free to speak up

The Minister's Bill - Child Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020.

My questions to the minister in relation to this bill:

1. The NSW Labor Party made undertakings at the last election in NSW they would repeal the same legislation that Minister Di Farmer is introducing by way of this Bill, why are you ignoring your interstate colleagues who oppose this same legislation.
2. Ms Tania Mihailuk MP of Bankstown NSW spoke for a marathon 5 ½ hrs against the Pru Gowards Bill in NSW Parliament on November 20th 2018 the very same legislation that Minister Di Farmer is proposing by way of this Bill, Why are you ignoring Ms Tania Mihailuk's passionate 5 ½ hr plea?
3. What truly independent Longitudinal Studies into the Long-Term Effects of Adoption are you relying on to support this bill?
4. There are no truly independent Australian Longitudinal studies of any representative size - as the secrecy in legislation and inability to collate data from Births Deaths & Marriages, Medicare, Coroners reports, Census, Juvenile Justice, Corrections – so what so called facts are you really relying on?
5. Overseas studies suggest extremely high rates of suicide up to 4 x that of general population, similarly high rates of Substance Abuse, Homelessness & Incarceration – I know you are aware of these studies – why do you ignore them for political gain?
6. The minister is fully aware of the long-term implications of Adoption, having been informed by focus groups & individuals over many years, then why for political expediency would you throw children's rights as enshrined in the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child, Sections 7 & 8, their identities, family connections, Mother, Fathers, Grandparents, Siblings, Aunts & Uncles, Cousins, Family History & Cultures, Vital Family Medical History and long term wellbeing under a bus called adoption?
7. Has the minister been unduly influenced by the Pro-Adoption Group - Adopt Change trading as My Forever Family NSW who serve infertile couples overriding need & desire to adopt children over that of the best interests of the child then adult?

8. Is the minister fully aware of the history of Adopt Changes founder Deborra-Lee Furness own Adoption experiences and publicly stated disregard for the rules in the country in which they adopted in? Ref: Andrew Denton – Enough Rope TV Series 29th March 2004 when interviewed by Andrew Denton and asked about the relationship with adopted child’s birth mother, the response in relation to that question began with the words “Well, we broke all the rules” – The mother of the adopted child later committing suicide.
9. Should you be relying on information, lobbying or advice on from an organisation who publicly promotes the Rights of Adoptive Parent’s needs & desires above those of the Child then Adult and who is now in the “Business of Adoption” with close to \$1million in Assets?
10. Should you be taking advice from an organisation with a “conflict of interests” promoting adoption to serve the interests of Adopters, the same organisation that publicly states in mainstream media including TV that there are 48,000 children in care in need of adoption denying the numbers that are currently in kinship care, other permanency orders or guardianship or will return home in any one year – a blatant misrepresentation of the facts – this is at odds with their own website?
11. Don’t children deserve an independent voice like the role of an Independent Children’s lawyer in the Commonwealth Family Court of Australia that serves the best interests of the child not the interest of adult parties? – Adopt Changes “Conflict of Interest” do not serve the child’s best interest.
12. Why are you not taking notice of Adoptees & Adoptee Advocacy Groups with lived experience and no conflict of interest, no government funding, no vested financial interest just the long-term interests of the child then adult.
13. Why are you ignoring the voices of Adoptees who suffered & continue to suffer Adoption Trauma?
14. Does the Government whose legislation of Lies & Secrecy via the Adoption Acts & Birth Deaths & Marriages Acts bear the responsibility of informing present & future Adoptees of their adoption in a controlled environment and not by way of chance discovery via “discovery of Adoption Certificate in deceased adoptive parents paperwork” “DNA Test Discovery” “ Told via a disgruntled life partner at separation or divorce as a final stabbing blow to the heart”? – No, you cannot trust Adoptive parents to do the right thing.
15. Adoption is not a cost saving solution - if you take into account the additional strain that adoption places on mental health services, lost productivity, relationship break up & inter-generational trauma of more fractured families & displaced children then very quickly it can be seen that spending money on family preservation pays dividends

Additional General Questions for Parliament to Consider

Question 1: Where is the truly independent Longitudinal Australian Studies into the outcomes of Adoptees over their lifetime?

Question2: Why are there not statistical information collected & collated by Coroners Court, Births Deaths & Marriages, Dept Child Safety Youth & Women, Corrective Services, Department of Housing – Homeless etc, that could be available for researchers so that legislation could be made on sound research not feel good opinions?

Question 3: Tick Box –

- Why is there not a box to tick for adoptees whenever they deal with any department or are, we all still under closed adoption? Are we still to be hidden as societies dirty little secret?
- A Tick Box could be used to collate data to be used for future research
- A Tick Box could identify that patient may not know their family medical history therefore prompting more detailed testing etc and alert staff that they may be dealing with a traumatised patient possibly with depression, anxiety, PTSD etc.
- Often Adoptees fly under the radar to their medical detriment
- A Tick Box would normalise Adoptees and their special needs & recognition by society and help validate Adoptees and their traumas
- A Tick Box is a simple cost-effective measure that would mean so much to adoptees
- Just do it – for Adoptees

Beginnings of Adoption Legislation in Australia – Adoption - “The Object of it is to provide for the adoption of children, and to see that when they are adopted, they cannot be taken away from those who adopted them when, perhaps, they are becoming useful”

The Minister for mines Hon W H Whittenoan

Adoption of Children’s Bill 12th August 1896 Western Australia

- **Adoption Act is Archaic** – All acts of Australia are built on ownership rights to the child not to welfare of the child or welfare of the adoptee adult. Ongoing provisions of secrecy only serve to alienate & distress or penalise the Adoptee. Threats of imprisonment by various adoption acts are definitely not in the best interest of child then adult adoptee
- **Adoption Welfare Checks** – there is no mandated ongoing child welfare checks in Adoption
- **Legal Severance** – Adoption severs a person for life from Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Aunts & Uncles, Cousins, Family History & Culture/s, Vital Family Medical History
- **Identity Loss** – Loving me to the moon & back will never bring back my mother & father – many, in fact some experts say all Adoptees suffer for life from separation trauma – this is certainly my experience
- **Guardianship Welfare Checks** – there is no mandated ongoing child welfare checks with guardianship
- **Permanency Orders** – sever the ability for child to return to biological family even if circumstances were to change i.e Mother is no longer drug affected and in many cases are parenting other biological children and coping well but are denied the right to parent their older child.
- **Parenting Orders** – Are Commonwealth Family Law – it has been suggested that this could be an alternative to State based Adoption or Guardianship – we have relied on Archaic Adoption Orders – we need to look at building provisions from the ground up that better reflect the Current Best Practices in the real “Best Interests of the Child then Adult” rather than layering on old world perceived solutions.

- **Late Discovery Adoptees** – Adoptees who discover their adoption later in life this can be at any defined point in a child’s life that they have a concept of mum & dad and their identity within the family unit only to then find out that these are not their biological parents – this results in a defining traumatic event & a possible PTSD Traumatic Event –
 - **Yet to discover their Adoption** – Just how many Adopted people are yet to find out they are adopted? Hidden within the Adoption Records & Births Deaths & Marriages? Does the Government whose legislation of Lies & Secrecy via the Adoption Acts & Birth Deaths & Marriages Acts bear the responsibility of informing these people of their adoption in a controlled environment not by way of chance discovery via “discovery of Adoption Certificate in deceased adoptive parents paperwork” “DNA Discovery” “ Told via a disgruntled life partner at separation or divorce as a final stabbing blow to the heart”?
- Government Misleading & Deceptive Conduct:** - Does the government have the moral courage to tell these deceived people of the fraud committed upon them by the Adoption & Birth Deaths & Marriages Acts which have withheld the truth from them by not notifying them directly of their Adoptive Status but rather rely on their own chance discovery & subsequent trauma?
- **Is there really a difference between Open Adoption & Closed Adoption?** – I say a resounding NO – I was in Closed adoption for 50 years and effectively Open Adoption for the last 9 years before I discovered my adoption by a chance DNA Test just 3 years ago at age 59 – I could not tell the difference – Open adoption is Closed Adoption at the whim of the Adoptive Parents – Even in Victoria where contact is mandated it often deteriorates as biological parents often feel inferior in the relationship to Adoptive parents, are not supported that they have an important part in their child’s life – I have read of high failure rates nearly 50% - <https://www.psychology.org.au/inpsych/2014/august/castle/>
 - **Adoption is lifelong Trauma** – Separation from family and placing in a completely unrelated family as though they are a “blank slate” is delusional thinking – children are not blank slates even at birth they have a pre-verbal invitro experience & bonding - whilst this is true of any child separated from family expecting a child to accepting a “new replacement parents” will have lifelong identity loss which often manifests itself in later life often the birth of their own child.

“It came to me that this little person was the first human on the planet who I knew was biologically related to me” this was a revelation to him “Like many adopted people, it was the birth of my son that drew me into new territory. Until now in my life, I had honestly discounted the significance of blood relationships; for me, my mother, father, aunties & uncles and cousins were an integral part of my life” from the book Ten Doors Down (p54) – by Robert Tickner AO - Adoptee

I am a Late Discovery Adoptee. I discovered adoption via Ancestry DNA at 59 years old – just 3 years ago – I never felt I belonged despite having loving parents and a good upbringing – I spent my life searching for identity I was aware that something was not right from an early age – I believe this was “separation trauma” a pre-verbal trauma of separation from my mother at birth There has been many books written on this including “Primal Wound” and talks given by British Psychotherapist Paul Sunderland’s presentation “Relinquishment and Adoption: Understanding the Impact of an Early Psychological Wound”
<https://www.icaad.com/videos/relinquishment-and-adoption-understanding-the-impact-of-an-early-psychological-wound>

- **Do not “Gaslight” me** and tell me “Oh that was in the past” – no this is very much about Now and the Future of any child facing prospect of adoption
- **Julia Gillard’s National Apology for Victims of Forced Adoption** I was not aware of Julia Gillard’s National Apology for Victims of Forced Adoption before my discovery in 2017
- **Healing** - Apart from getting copies of my Original Birth Certificate & Adoption Certificate, a retreat hosted by Relationships Australia & the Benevolent Society, a few counselling sessions & watching a video clip of the Apology I have received little from Apology although I weep every time I watch the video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hVbokTpYeg>
- **My Trauma** - I am traumatised that I have two Birth Certificates I cannot come to terms that any government would do that to me or any other child then adult
- **Birth Certificates** - A Birth Certificate should be as best as possible a Factual & Trustworthy Document, a recorded snapshot at the time of birth.
- **More Trauma** - I relied on that document my whole life, particularly when I had questions as a teen after a science class discovery that blood types did not match, being presented with my Birth Certificate allayed my fears for another 47 years that devastates me.
- **More Trauma** - I never had the opportunity to meet my father who died in 1982, I was 24 at that time, nothing can ever replace that loss – I am truly devastated by this
- **More Trauma** - I missed a relationship growing up with my mother 8 siblings in total, 5 maternal, 3 paternal – again this devastates me, my closest older brother in age is traumatised he was not there in my life to look after me.
- **Reunification** - I have met and maintain, relationships to various extents with my mother & siblings
- **Reunification a silver lining perforated with Trauma** - Reunification is like reverse adoption, trying to integrate with a family that you do not know and whose dynamics you are never sure of. Some siblings I cannot say I have a close relationship and that hurts & cut deep. I still try hard to nurture those relationships.
- **Inter-generational trauma** – my children & grandchildren also suffer from this Adoption Trauma, my children suffer from carrying a surname that I do not identify with, have adopted grandparents that are not really their grandparents, my grandchildren have great grandparents that are not really theirs. – my children & grandchildren are expected to be actors in some bizarre pantomime where truth is denied or put aside.
- **My Mission** is that this never happens to another child nor adult ever again.

Points to Raise

Points I would like to raise

Adoptee Equality

- **Personally, I would like my Father's name to be inserted on my Original Birth Certificate**
 (I have a statutory declaration for this from my mother and Ancestry DNA to support this) I satisfy the requirements of the application form. I have applied twice and been rejected twice.
 One adoptee I know was told by a BDM counter staff member, that he would have to dig up his deceased father and get a DNA test – I am appalled at this insensitivity
- **One Life One Birth Certificate - Stop the Canceling of Original Birth Certificates, Stop Fabricating of Post Adoption Birth Certificates – Deceptive & Delusional Lie, a fabrication that says Adopted Parents Gave Birth to Child then Adult**
- **Integrated Certificates** are another lie or an extension of a lie - I am strongly opposed to this as an option – No More Lies
- **Deed Poll Certificates** do not rectify this trauma nor re-establish biological & legal connections to family – these should not be considered as any type of panacea
- **Freedom for adoptees to identify** with the person they really are – Why are LGBTQIA people able to identify including altering their Birth Certificates but adoptees are denied updating details on their Original Birth Certificate.?
- **No Fault Adoption Discharge & Equal Rights –**
 We settled this argument with “No Fault Divorce” in 1975 –
 Why should a fully informed adult be forced to use a surname they do not identify with?
 Why are they legally severed from their biological family, mother, father, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, family history, culture/s, vital medical history when they have no wish to be?
 Why must an Adoptee endure costly, traumatic court proceedings with no guarantee of success to legally reclaim their identity & be legally related to parents & siblings?
 Why can't a Fully Informed Adult conclude “I no longer wish to be adopted”?
 It is immoral to withhold this from Adoptees
 Why are Adoptees second class citizens treated like children
 We are no longer children – please stop patronising us and give us equal rights
- **Death Certificates** – Adoptees have no legal right to be listed on their biological parent's death certificates – this needs to change
- **Why am I, as a 62 year old, still a child under Child Protection Legislation? My life is controlled by an Adoption Act & Births Deaths & Marriages Act – I am not a signatory to the adoption, but I am bound by its laws and secrecies.**

- **I am still a child the Act says so**
 NSW
"child" means:
 (a) a person who is less than 18 years of age, or
(b) a person who is 18 or more years of age and in relation to whom an adoption is sought or has been made.
"adopted person" means a person:
 (a) an order for whose adoption was made under a former Act before the

commencement of section 95 of this Act, or

(b) whose adoption in another State or in a country outside Australia was recognised under the Adoption of Children Act 1965 as having the same effect as if an order for adoption had been made under that Act, or

(c) an order for whose adoption was made under this Act, or

(d) whose adoption in another State is recognised under this Act as having the same effect as if an order for adoption had been made under this Act, or

(e) whose adoption in, or in a country outside, Australia is recognised and effective for the laws of this State under a law of this State or the Commonwealth.

Vic

"child" means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years or **a person who has attained that age in respect of whom an adoption order is sought or has been made;**

"adopted person" means a person—

(a) an order for whose adoption was made under this Act or any corresponding previous enactment; or

(b) an order for whose adoption was made (whether before or after the commencement of this section) in a place outside the State but whose birth was registered in Victoria;

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"Not Defined"

- **Why is the fact that a child will become an adult never mentioned in Adoption Legislation?**
- **If Adoption is a child protection Act then why does adoption not end at 18?**
- **Equal rights to being included on the legal documentation of our relatives in the same way that non-adopted people are.**
- **In recognition that adopted people are a vulnerable population, and that there is no adequate evidence base to inform current and past adoption policy and service provision:**
 - 1) **Data Collection and Research** – Collect data with adopted people as an identified demographic in all dealings with government and non-government. Commit to funding research that investigates whole of life outcomes for adopted people, including retrospective analysis of already collected data.
 - 2) **Build an Evidence Base** - Provide incentives which encourage the study of adoption in Australia (with provision for affirmative action for those with lived experience)
 - 3) **Family Searching and reunion** - Commitment to ensuring that adequate resources and real assistance is available to adopted people in all aspects of finding information about and reconnecting with their real families.
 - 4) **Support and Trauma-informed Services** – Commitment to formal and meaningful consultation with adoptees about Support Services.
- **Adoption language should be used by government departments that acknowledges and is informed by adult adoptees, instead of the dominant narrative informed by those who have adopted or want to adopt.**

- **Adoption laws need comprehensive scrutiny as anyone bound as an adopted person by adoption legislation does not have the same rights as a person who is not adopted:**
 - 1) Conduct reviews of legislative or regulatory discrimination against individuals on the grounds of their adoptive status.
 - 2) Review the Adoption Act to check for breaches of the Human Rights Instruments that Australia is signatory to.
- **Why am I not legally related to my mother, my father & my siblings?** – Why do I have no legal right to be listed on my mother’s death certificate?
- **Why am I not entitled to have my father listed on my Original “Real” Birth Certificate?** I have been refused three times on application – currently applying again
- **Inter-generational Trauma** –
 All descendants of Adoptees should be recognised in legislation as having been affected by adoption and loss of lineage, heritage & culture
 All descendants should be entitled to Adoption Records including Original Birth Certificate to assist them in locating family regardless of whether Adoptee is living or deceased
- **Self-Determination** -
 Adoptee Representative Organization’s like “Adoptee Rights Australia”, “Association for Adoptees” etc. - need to be representing Adoptees in all decisions & consultations on policy.
 Often frontline workers of NGO’s have frontline experience but there recommendations are censored by superiors concerned that making waves might loose them a contract the following year
 Therefore, it is vital to have Independent Adoptee Rights Representatives at the table.
- **Lived Experience** – There is no substitute – no PHD – no amount of Walt Disney Fairy Dust that can replace lived experience – Adoptees with lived experience are a window into the lives of future Adoptees – Don’t ignore that advice for that of well heeled professional so called experts – the only experts are Adoptees with lived experience.

My Story –

**My one & only precious life was
commandeered & manipulated
for another's wants & needs**

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**Resulting in
my own disillusionment & despair**

I was the family historian & genealogist

I had amassed 13,500 people in my family tree

I had attended many family tree reunions interstate

I had spent tens of thousands on research & travel

I had an Irish Coat of Arms carved at many thousands of dollars

I had a headstone remanufactured and placed it on a refurbished grave of the Irish Convict Ancestor

As it turns out he was not my ancestor – none of them were

Three years ago, at age 59 I did an Ancestry DNA test and discovered something was not right, there were no surnames in my DNA matches that I was familiar with.

I always knew I was born at Salvation Army Bethesda Hospital

I had Google it many years before which produced nothing but an image of an old building.

In desperation I Googled it again

Search Result – “Forced Adoption Government Apology”

What I have never heard of this before, how was this I am an avid watcher of news

I was Adopted

I was shocked, my whole identity erased.

I looked in the mirror every morning for many months thereafter and thought to myself, really, I am not Irish I am Italian?

This has been a roller coaster ride of emotions.

My biggest shock after my discovery was that I had two birth certificates

I really cannot come to terms with this fact, that the government set out to lie and deceive me for 59 years as to my real identity.

The fact that they fabricated what I refer to as a “FAKE” Birth Certificate that falsely says that I was born to adoptive parents.

What a delusional deceitful lie “The lie that all of the subsequent lies of my life were constructed upon”

How dare you, how dare you

I read the <http://forcedadoptions.naa.gov.au/> page, I was deeply moved and horrified by what I read.

I followed the support link to Relationships Australia

I thought after reading <http://forcedadoptions.naa.gov.au/> page that I would receive help and empathy.

What I got was “Fill in the paperwork, make sure it is witnessed by a JP, send it in and if we find anything, we will make you a client and assign you a caseworker” – Whilst this may be a budgetary measure this does not alleviate stress & trauma and only adds to it.

I signed I would not contact if there was a Veto (NSW)

I was never going to honour that, nothing, no fine, no threat of gaol was going to stop me finding my mother – what another bizarre notion – a law to stop a child contacting their mother, really?

This is not what I needed to hear at this time of distress

I needed “oh you must be devastated, we will assign you a counsellor who will guide you through the process every step of the way, we know how important it is to you to get information as quickly as possible, we appreciate every minute, every hour kept waiting is traumatic for you”

That is what I needed to hear but sadly it was not.

One month later I rang back frustrated I had not heard from them, “I was wondering how long before I get my Adoption Certificate, it has been a month?” “oh a month it could take six months at present”

What 6 months, you have got to be kidding, I can’t possibly wait that long

I circumvented the system and six weeks later I was talking to my mother.

Whilst I believe those times have reduced somewhat now – I cannot emphasise just how important it is to get that information quickly.

The pain of my loss is constant

I last thing I think of when I go to sleep is, I am adopted, my whole life was manipulated none of it was real.

It is also the first thing that I think of when I awake.

I think of my adoption throughout the day it never leaves me.

It affects my work, I work for myself, my productivity has decreased dramatically.

I lost my biological family, my mother, my father, my grandparents, my siblings, my aunts, my uncles, my cousins, my family history, my cultures (Italian & Aboriginal)

My Italian Father died in 1982, I was never to know my father, this distresses me, and always will.

I have met 3 siblings, two aunts (one in Sydney & one in Italy) and numerous cousins on my Father's side

I travelled to Italy to visit his grave and pay respects, I visited three times during my short stay in rural Calabria

I read him a poem I wrote 8 pages in total all rhyming, I wrote that in one sitting, my first ever poem at 59 years old.

I cried as I read it out aloud, sitting in front of the family mausoleum which housed my grandparents, my father and an aunt, I needed to do this.

Two Italian woman who heard me approached me Mio Padre (my Father) I pronounced, they looked at the name and announced the village he came from...xyz village - Si I said. Everyone knows every family in this area their families have co-existed here for centuries or even longer, we were likely related somehow.

I placed flowers adjacent their plaques

I am not religious I had bought four candles and matches from the supermarket; I attended the small chapel at the cemetery and lit the four candles for my Grandparents, my Father and my Aunt.

I believe my Father would have wanted me to do that.

I have met my Mother and 5 siblings on my maternal side.

I keep in contact the best I can with all, some do not return messages others I am quite close.

I feel the loss of them every day.

I have some close cousins on both sides but am particularly fond of my Italian family, cousins & aunts, who have welcomed me so warmly to the family.

Adoption has affected me my whole life, it has affected my children & grandchildren

Many things that I glossed over growing up and in adulthood, the differences in my treatment and that of my adopted sister (a biological child of adopted parents)

The way my wife and my children had been treated; I had glossed over as I had done for myself.

It now all made sense

I was living in someone's pantomime, I was a leading actor the directors were my adoptive parents, the scriptwriters were the Adoption Act & Births Deaths & Marriages

You may say “oh he is an Angry Adoptee” – well if that was what you were expecting from the Adoption Act then you should be pleased with efforts I am traumatised , my only life has been manipulated to satisfy another’s

“The proof is in the pudding”

When you say “I believe in Adoption”

So, what are you really saying?

Are you saying that my human rights do not matter, never mattered?

Are you saying it is fine and acceptable even preferable to sever me from my biological family forever?

Are you saying that I do not have the basic human right to know my parents, my mother, my father my grandparents, my siblings, my cousins, my family history, my culture/s, my vital medical history?

Are you in fact promoting some type of genocide? child commoditization? Trafficking? Ownership?

Who gave you the right to destroy my identity, my family, my cultures?

Are you in fact saying that the rights of a barren childless couple or single with an overwhelming desire to have a child override the “Rights of the Child then Adult”?

Are you in fact saying that the rights of a barren childless couple or single with an overwhelming desire to have a child’s surname and make it their own override the “Rights of the Child then Adult”?

Are you in fact saying it is ok to cancel a child’s Birth Certificate and replace it with a “Fabricated” “FAKE” Birth Certificate that says child then adult was given birth to by adoptive parents?

Are you promoting these outrages lies, this absurdity this monumental “Fabrication” The ultimate Lie & Deception, the lie upon which all other lies of a child then adult adoptees life is constructed upon?

Does this promotion of a lie, make you yourself a liar as well?

Does this promotion diminish anything that you say, as just another lie from a known promoter of lies?

As a denier of the “Rights of the Child” as in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, does this make you a child abuser?

Are you denying the lifelong trauma of loss, of family, family history, culture & medical history that affects adopted peoples?

Are you confused that just because adoptees may have had a decent upbringing with adoptive parents that this somehow negates all the above abuses?

Do you really think love cures all?

Are you denying that many abuses, physical, sexual and psychological have occurred within adopted homes where there are no ongoing child welfare checks, despite a knowledge that adopted children are more vulnerable to abuse than non-adopted children?

I feel sorry for your naivety, but much sorer for the ongoing abuse you cause to adopted people and future adopted people – the victims.

You support an archaic law, a legal process of identity theft, the trading of a child's then adult's identity, a child's then adult's ownership.

A legal process and law whose sole purpose was to determine ownership and to deceive the victim of their true identity.

And if you are adopted yourself, I feel sad that you are still in the "Adoption Fog" of denial and pretense, that it is better to continue to be an actor within the adoption pantomime, deny the reality of the orchestrated deception, where the biological parents rightly or wrongly are demonized to substantiate the commoditization of children for the infertile adopters, the forced slavery of children then adults into servitude for life into the adopted family.

In summary your words "I support adoption" are offensive as they would be if you said "I support Racism" or "I support Genocide" or "I support Cultural Destruction" or "I support Identity Theft" or "I support Lies & Deception" or "I support Destruction of Families" or "I support tearing siblings apart" or "I support denying someone their vital medical history"

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