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I am a adopted child born on the 1 May 1968 in the state of Western Australia.

My Mother at the time was 18 years of age and referred as an ex nuptial female on the adoption papers.

It was also stated in the document that if she withdrew consent after signing these paper it would cause extreme distress to the potential adopting parents .

I was adopted on the 6 November 1968 at the age of 5 months old, I am not sure who looked after me during up to then. From what I have been told it might have been a home for single mothers run by the Red Cross.

My adoptive parents [REDACTED] were always very open about my adoption. My mother [REDACTED] told me my birth mother wanted to keep me but she was to young and with no means to support me she had no alternative.

[REDACTED] had immigrated to Australia from South Africa , when I was about 2 years old we moved back to South Africa with my 2 older brothers who were 8 and 10 years older than me.

Both my adoptive parents loved me and cared for me. They both had issues of their own [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When I was approximately 6 years old my mother left and remarried .

She died in a car accident when I was 8 years, I was then sent to live with my Aunty and her family .

My father later remarried and I then went to to live with him and his wife and 2 her 2 children

In 1995 I moved back to Australia and in 1996 I made inquiries regarding my adoption and parents.

I was sent all the Adoption papers and was helped to make contact with my father over time.

As it turned out my parents [REDACTED] married and went on to have a son.

At the time of contact they had since separated and my mother [REDACTED] had remarried.

How has being adopted affected my life?

The biggest thing for me is that I have never really felt like I belong in either my adoptive family or my biological family.

I feel a sense of lost identity and grounding.

I hope this inquiry helps all parties involved feel that this part of their lives has been acknowledged .

That this acknowledgment will give them a sense of say on a part of their lives they had no say in before.

I have attached the documents that I referred to in my submission.

I consent to my email being made public but not the official documents attached

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Kind Regards
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